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ALLEGED RAPE OF A NIECE.

Slander Action Brought Against Fiance.
\$10,000 DAMAGES CLAIMED.

Grave accusations made by the fiance of a young Chinese girl, against her uncle, regarding an alleged offence upon her eight years ago, formed the subject of a slander action for \$10,000, brought in the Supreme Court this morning, before the Chief Justice, (Sir Joseph H. Kemp).

Plaintiff was Se Siu-wan, of 15, Ma Tau Wei Road, Hungghom. He sued a Police interpreter at the Hungghom Police Station, Chan Woon-fun, for defamation, uttered and published in the hearing of various persons, on the night of November 8, or in the early hours of November 9 last. Defendant denied either uttering or publishing the words complained of, or any words of similar purport.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. A. E. Arculli, appeared for plaintiff. Defendant conducted his own case.

Mr. Jenkin, opening the case, said that plaintiff was a partner in the Chung Wo Leather firm. He was 24 years old, and unmarried, and at the time of the alleged slander was living at the residence of his elder brother, Se Chi-kwan, at Nos. 15 and 17, Ma Tau Wei Road, Hungghom. A number of members of the elder brother's family also lived there, including his wife, his concubines, sisters, a son, three daughters, and several amahs. This fact was important showing as it did that there were a number of people living at the place.

One of the daughters was Se Ah-mui. She was now 21 years old. Chinese reckoning, and was the girl, the matter of whose virginity was in question. She was the fiancee of defendant.

Suspicious Swain.

It appeared that on the night of Saturday, November 8 last, plaintiff had gone out to a party. Defendant and the girl came back about 11 o'clock to the house in Ma Tau Wei Road. Defendant, after being there a few minutes, spoke to the girl's father, saying that he had been in doubt as to the girl's chastity. He had tried to get her to see a doctor, but she had refused. She had got as far as the threshold of the doctor's door when she so decided.

Defendant then went on to make a certain statement involving the plaintiff. There was naturally some consternation in the household when the news got round, as the girl had lived all her life in the house, and no question of such a kind had ever occurred before. Her mother was the No. 3 concubine, and had another daughter named Ah Jan.

The Accusation.

The next important thing to happen was that after a good deal of turmoil the girl's mother and sister went to get the plaintiff. He arrived some time after, and later saw the defendant in the common sitting room of the houses. It was then that defendant made the accusation of the offence alleged to have been committed against the girl, eight years previously. After a great deal of excitement, defendant left the house, saying he would take up the matter with the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Solicitor Consulted.

In view of the defence now filed, denying that such words were spoken, said Mr. Jenkin, "it is important to see what happened subsequently. On the following morning, a Monday, plaintiff went to see his solicitor, Mr. Arculli, who wrote a letter to defendant. The letter was not answered, and, as a result of further conversation, at which defendant was not present, a writ was issued on November 17, claiming damages for defamation. Two or three days after that a fellow-Police interpreter to defendant, Leung Shing-yu, intervened on his behalf, and a meeting was arranged to take place at the To To Sin Restaurant. This took place on Saturday, November 22, six people being present, including the girl's father, and a clerk from Mr. Arculli's office.

Apology Agreed Upon.

At this meeting it was finally agreed that defendant should sign a letter of apology to be

STRANGE SHOOTING DRAMA.

Three Shots at Master Barber.
COOK STABBED IN SIDE.

A sensational shooting drama, in which four armed robbers participated, took place on the ground floor of 601, Reclamation Street, Yau-mai, shortly before ten o'clock last night. The floor is occupied by the San Pa Sat barber shop. Three shots were fired at the master of the concern, Wong Ng, who collapsed.

Ho Lu, a cook on the premises, told the Police that at about 9.55 o'clock four foks of the shop went out to drink tea, leaving one after the other. About five minutes after the last one had departed the cook saw four Chinese approach the shop. One of them asked if he could have his ears cleaned. Suspecting nothing Ho obliged the prospective customer, and, whilst he was preparing for the operation, one of the intruders went into the back yard.

Robbed of \$250.
On returning, this man is alleged to have levelled a revolver, which he produced from his grille, at the master. The other three robbers then set upon Wong Ng and dragged him to the kitchen, where they searched him and relieved him of \$250 in bank notes.

In a vain attempt to gain his freedom, Wong Ng struggled with the desperadoes. The cook then tried to run away in search of assistance, but he was seen by the robbers and two of them set on him. One produced a knife and stabbed him in the side.

Bound and Gagged.

The master blew a Police whistle, and it was then that he was fired at by one of the men. The cook was bound and gagged.

After the robbers had run away, the Police were sent for. A loaded revolver and a torch were found lying in a lane at the rear of the shop.

The injured men were conveyed to hospital.

drafted in Mr. Arculli's office, and also that he should give a dinner at which he would make a public apology, besides setting off fireworks. All the persons in the household when the alleged slander was uttered were to be present at the dinner.

Defendant called the next Monday morning at Mr. Arculli's office to get the draft letter of apology. He was told it was not yet ready. He telephoned the next afternoon again asking for the draft letter. The draft was sent to him, with a covering letter on November 25.

Objected to Paying Costs.

"The stumbling block apparently," said counsel, "is that the letter stipulated that defendant should pay plaintiff's costs up to date. This was over and above what had been agreed upon at the dinner. At any rate, nothing more was heard from defendant until December 4, nine days later. He then wrote a letter in the following strain:—

Dear Sir:—

"The statement contained in your draft letter sent to me on November 25 is absolutely untrue. I have never at any time accused Se Siu-wan of having carnal knowledge of Se Ah-mui, either by force, or with or without her consent. Nor do I believe, or have I ever believed or had reason to believe he ever had such dealings. Under these circumstances it is impossible for me to sign any such document as your draft letter."

Counsel went on to say that defendant had been a long time adopting that attitude. He would call a number of witnesses who were present on the morning of November 26, when the alleged slander took place, and also people who attended the dinner at the To To Sin Restaurant. He also wished to prove that defendant called at Mr. Arculli's office for the draft, which he had agreed to sign.

"Unless all that evidence is false I submit there can be only one possible result," Mr. Jenkin concluded.

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BOYCOTT BY CAR DRIVERS.

Mrs. Matheson and Her Payments.
— A REASONABLE EXCUSE.

The adjourned case in which Mrs. G. L. Matheson, of "Huntington," Stubbs Road, is complainant against Lei Pul, driver of a public vehicle who is accused of having refused to take Mrs. Matheson's fare without any reasonable excuse, was again mentioned before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning.

It was disclosed at the first hearing that Mrs. Matheson had been boycotted for the past eight months by Chinese public car drivers. The reason suggested by Mr. Horace Lo (for the defence) was that Mrs. Matheson always underpaid the drivers.

Mrs. Matheson, it will be remembered, strongly contended that the boycott was the result of a chauffeur's licence being suspended for six months, when he was caught taking petrol from one of her guest's cars.

Mr. Lo this morning submitted that defendant's certain knowledge of Mrs. Matheson's underpayment of drivers was a very reasonable excuse for his refusing to take her fare.

A Day's Movements.

Mr. Lo asked Mrs. Matheson if she remembered that at the last hearing she had informed the Magistrate that she engaged a public car to take her to Lane, Crawford's, then on to the Dairy Farm, and then home.

Mrs. Matheson: That is so, and I go elsewhere I pay them accordingly.

Mr. Lo suggested that on the day in question, Mrs. Matheson went in defendant's car to Lane, Crawford, Dairy Farm, Lee Yu Kee, Kee Kee, P. & O. Buildings, Sui Fai Terrace, and then home.

Mrs. Matheson: Not on that day.

Mr. Lo: The time you engaged the car was over one hour and a half—I did not go to those places. I only went to Lane, Crawford's and the Dairy Farm. Another day, when I went to Kee Kee and the other places my daughter engaged the car, and I met her at the P. & O. Buildings.

Asked by Mr. Lo how much she paid the driver, Mrs. Matheson replied that she paid him \$1.60, sixty cents, being payment for waiting at Sui Fai Terrace.

90 Per Cent. Less.

Mr. Lo said that Mrs. Matheson paid about 90 per cent. less than the usual fare, and this she gradually decreased until the drivers refused to take her fare.

Mrs. Matheson—Certainly not. That is perfectly untrue.

Mr. Lo then suggested that the drivers accepted her fare for about a month more, because Mrs. Matheson had promised increased payment every time she hired a car.

Mrs. Matheson disagreed.

Mr. Lo—Cars Nos. 530 and 73 stopped driving you about a month before the happening of this incident.

Mrs. Matheson—I don't know. I can't remember dates; they are so immaterial.

Defendant then gave evidence. He said that he had been engaged twice before, the first occasion being for two hours and the second for two hours and a half. On both occasions he was paid \$1.50.

On the first occasion the longest waiting was at the Dairy Farm, this being one hour. On the second occasion the longest wait was for half an hour outside Wing On. Each subsequent stop was for about 20 or 25 minutes. Defendant said that he should have been paid \$4.50 on the first occasion and \$4.75 on the second.

On May 15, said defendant, he told Mrs. Matheson partly in English and partly in Chinese, that he refused to take her because of her underpayments. He definitely demanded \$3 per hour and Mrs. Matheson disagreed.

In answer to the Magistrate, the driver said that even if the Police did take action against Mrs. Matheson, she would not pay him (defendant) more!

Witness added that he did not take action, but decided that he would not take Mrs. Matheson's fare in future.

The hearing was adjourned to Friday at noon.

Over 15,700 gallons of cod liver oil were produced in the Magdalen Islands, in 1930. The production had a marketed value of \$8,080.

FILIPINO BARBER SENT TO JAIL.

Guilty of Harbousing A Mui Tsai.
WOMAN RESPONSIBLE?

Further evidence in the case against Pedro Bhooy, who was charged with harbouring Chau Si-hung, a Chinese girl, aged 18 years, at 11, Granville Road, and 11, Chi Wo Street, on dates before May 30, was taken at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning.

The accused said that the woman responsible for the whole affair was in Court. She introduced him, and told him if he loved the girl, she could arrange the marriage.

Accused also stated that the legal ceremony consisted of buying beer and having a big party. He did this and he thought that he was legally married from then on.

The woman Rosa then went into the witness box and said that her full name was Rosa Ma, and she was a married woman. When the girl, Chan Si-hung, ran away from her mistress she took her in. Later accused came and lived in her house, together with the girl.

In summing up Mr. E. W. Hamilton said that he was of the opinion that the woman Rosa was responsible and as much to blame as the accused, but he had no option but to convict the accused.

Three months' hard labour was imposed.

SOME RAIN.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

The typhoon is about 150 miles N.W. of the Bonins, moving East.

A depression is shown over Tongking.

Forecast:—S.E. winds; moderate; generally overcast; some rain.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.78 inch. Total since January 1—26.0 inches against an average of 27.90 inches—deficit 0.99 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	78
Macao	77
Pratas Island	79
Poochow	76
Manila	81
Chefoo	84
Shanghai	88

MOTOR ACCIDENT.

GIRL KNOCKED DOWN BY WARDEN'S CAR.

A motor accident, which involved Mr. J. Johnson, a warden at the Lai-chikok Prison, occurred on the Castle Peak Road at 4.45 o'clock yesterday.

Mr. Johnson was driving a car along Castle Peak Road and on nearing Cheung Sha Wan, a girl, Chan Ling-san (seven), suddenly emerged from under a verandah and ran across the road. She was carrying a fractured leg and a cut struck by the front of the car, re- above the eye.

The girl was taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

STOLE A TOY.

AGED CHINESE AMAH SENT TO JAIL.

Mrs. R. J. Nunn appeared as complainant in the case against a Chinese woman Chnn Sam, at the Kowloon Police Court to-day. The accused was charged with the theft of a toy motor-car from 3, Pratt Buildings on June 5.

Mrs. Nunn said that the accused was formerly in her employment, but was discharged as she was incompetent.

A folk from a marine dealers' stall in Upper Lascar Row (Paddy's Market) said that he purchased it from accused for \$8.

Accused said that she was told by the complainant to take the toy away, as it was not wanted.

Two months' imprisonment was imposed.

DRIVER'S ERROR OF JUDGMENT.

Traffic Sergeant Averts A Smash.
STUBBS ROAD DANGERS.

Fung Ping-fan, driver of a private car, was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, for having driven his car in a negligent manner in Stubbs Road.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the defendant and pleaded not guilty.

Traffic Sgt. Guild said that he was driving a motor cycle combination along Stubbs Road toward the city. At the second bend above Sui Fai Terrace, he saw a Hong Kong Hotel bus coming toward him. Defendant's car was following the bus. Without any warning, defendant drove his car past the bus and cut in between the Sergeant and the bus. Witness had to apply his brakes to avoid a smash.

Replying to Mr. Lo, Sergeant Guild said that it appeared to be a deliberate error of judgment on the part of defendant.

Mr. Lo: A man is quite liable to err in judgments of that sort?—Yes.

No Gross Negligence.

Mr. Lo pointed out that the defendant had driven for four years and had a clear record. The case was one of deliberate judgment whether rightly or wrongly. There was no deliberate gross negligence on the part of the defendant.

The Magistrate: In such a case the best thing is to exercise judgment in the most cautious manner. Stubbs Road is a difficult road to drive in.

Mr. Lo remarked that it was an accepted fact that most of the accidents caused at Home were mainly caused through some slow driven vehicle not giving way to some other more adventurous motorist.

A fine of \$20 was imposed.

An Obstruction.

Mr. E. Owen, of Lane Crawford's, was fined \$5 for having caused an obstruction with his car by parking it outside Lane, Crawford's, new restaurant at King's Theatre Building in Queen's Road Central. Defendant admitted having been cautioned fourteen months ago for a similar offence.

HOME 'QUAKE.

MOST EXTENSIVE FOR 35 YEARS.

VIEWS OF EXPERTS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Earth tremors are so rare in Britain that, although seismologists say the one which occurred on Sunday was the most extensive which has happened here for 35 years, most people slept through it undisturbed, and knew nothing of it until they read about it in the newspapers.

Light sleepers were conscious of a slight swaying of their beds and rattling of windows, crockery and pictures; and on the east coast, where the shock was most distinctly felt, many people rose to find if any commotion was apparent at sea.

Apparently the centre of disturbance was in the North Sea. Doctor Jeffreys, the Cambridge university seismologist, puts its intensity as four, as compared with an intensity of ten in the case of disastrous quakes involving great damage and loss of life. A few fallen chimney-pots was the extent of Sunday's damage, and although as a precaution the railway headquarters sent messages to all signmen asking for reports of any effect on the embankments or lines, a careful examination revealed no damage.

In London it is thought the earthquake may have caused the burst of a water main which was discovered shortly afterwards in Shoreditch.—British Wireless Service.

ISLAND AS TARGET.

H.M.S. MOORHEN TO BOMBARD SAU CHAU.

A notice to mariners posted at the Harbour Office states that H.M.S. Moorhen will carry out firing practice in the West River delta at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, using the Island of Sau Chau as a target.

ACTION OVER SALE OF PIECE GOODS.

Appeal Against Ruling Dismissed.
ALLEGED FRAUD.

Judgment dismissing the appeal was given in the Full Court this morning in the case in which the Chip Chung Firm appealed against a judgment given to the Cheong Fat Loong Kee, by Mr. Justice Lindsell, in the Summary Court, for \$416.50, and costs.

The action arose out of supply and delivery of certain piece goods in which the parties concerned in the action had admittedly acted in good faith, but had suffered as a result of the fraud of a third party. Interesting points in connection with agency, and "holding out" of agents, were brought forward in the course of the case.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, jun. (instructed by Messrs. Lo and Lo), appeared for the appellants, who were defendants in the Summary Court action, and the respondents, (plaintiffs in the lower Court), were represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Messrs. Russ and Company).

The Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C.) read his judgment as follows:—

Question of Evidence.

This is an appeal on the ground of law from a decision of Mr. Justice Lindsell, Puisne Judge, sitting in summary jurisdiction, giving judgment in favour of the plaintiffs. The facts are stated in his judgment in the Court below. There was no appeal on the ground of fact.

The first ground of appeal was that there was no evidence on which the learned Puisne Judge could find that the defendants had held out Lam Yau as having authority to pledge their credit. I think that this ground fails. It was admitted, and it could scarcely have been denied, that the defendants sent Lam Yau to make the representation to the plaintiffs. He visited the plaintiffs and he obtained goods from them on the credit of the defendants. It seems difficult to avoid the inference that he made the representation which he was sent to make, though he may not have done so in express words. In any case it cannot be said that there was no evidence.

That representation was never negatived until it was too late, and I think that it must be regarded as having, vis-a-vis the plaintiffs, continued during the various purchases to which the action relates, and as having caused the plaintiffs, on the occasion of each order, to alter their position for the worse. That being so, the defendants are estopped from denying the authority which they held out Lam Yau as possessing, unless they can show that this prima facie estoppel is excluded by some other consideration.

Sales Misrepresentation.

This introduces the second ground of appeal. It is remarkable that a party is not estopped by a representation induced by the misrepresentation of the other side, and it is pointed out that the plaintiffs, by issuing notes which were not in the usual form for credit sales, misrepresented the sales as cash sales. The remark and statement of fact are undoubtedly correct, but the holding out by the defendants took place before the misrepresentation by the plaintiffs as to the nature of the sales. The holding out relied on by way of estoppel was therefore not induced by the misrepresentation of the plaintiffs. Indeed, the plaintiffs' misrepresentation induced no representation at all on the part of the defendants. At most it confirmed the defendants in the belief which they had arrived at in reliance on the word of their own servant, Lam Yau, that they were doing business on a cash basis.

Would Have Failed.

It might, perhaps, have been argued that the plaintiffs on their side were estopped from saying that the sales were credit sales. I think that the argument would probably have failed, partly on the ground that the representation was not intended to induce the defendants to alter their position in any way, and could not reasonably have been taken as indicating any such intention.

DEPRESSED CASTES IN INDIA.

To Be Represented at Round Table Parley.
OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Mr. Wedgwood Benn, replying to a number of questions, said that it was intended that the personnel of the proposed Federal Structure Committee should be as before, with certain additions which he was not yet in a position to announce. No formal invitations have yet been issued. They would be issued through the Viceroy and dealt with as before.

The depressed castes were represented on the Conference and their representation on the Federal Structure Committee was being considered. Asked whether the delay in reassembling the Round Table Conference in London was to be utilised to attempt further progress in India with outstanding questions concerning the future of the Provisional Governments, Mr. Benn said that he was unaware of any fundamental outstanding question affecting all provinces requiring discussion except problems such as communal difficulties and the relations between the centre and the provinces, which were essentially involved in the federal as well as in provincial constitutions.—British Wireless Service.

and partly on the ground that it did not, in fact, cause them to do anything. They merely continued the course which they had already adopted on the word of Lam Yau without any representation on the part of the plaintiffs. The point, however, was not argued.

Cross Estoppel.

There seemed to be a third ground of appeal, based on what was referred to as "cross-estoppel," or "estoppel against estoppel." I confess I fail to appreciate it as a separate ground. It is true that the above two terms are used sometimes but I think that they express no more than the principle referred to in paragraph 4 above, i.e., that a party cannot rely by way of estoppel on a representation induced by his own misrepresentation. Indeed, Spencer Bower, in Estoppel by Representation, 1923, p. 193, says that that is the meaning of the old formula that "estoppel against estoppel doth out the matter at large." There seems to me to be no question of two prima facie estoppels cancelling one another out. Farwell, J., in Dixon v. Kennaway (1900) 1 Ch. at p. 840, was cited as an authority for the existence of cross estoppel as a separate thing. He there stated that Simm's Case (1879) 5 Q.B.D. 188 was a case of estoppel against estoppel, but in that case there were not two conflicting estoppels. It was not suggested that there could be any estoppel against Burge & Co. It was, so far as this point is concerned, merely an instance of the principle of paragraph 4 above. It must have been in that sense that Farwell, J., used the expression "estoppel against estoppel."

The well known dictum from Lickbarrow v. Mason was put forward as a fourth ground of appeal. That dictum is very difficult to apply and I know of no case where the decision rested only on the principle said to be embodied in that dictum. Lord Halsbury, who quoted an American form of the dictum in Henderson v. Williams (1895) 1 Q.B., at p. 529, expressed in Farquharson v. King (1902) A.C. at p. 382, his surprise that two of the learned judges in that case seemed to be under the impression that the proposition was "that any person who has enabled another by any means to commit a fraud must be the person to suffer when two innocent persons are in question." As he proceeds to point out, it depends on the sense in which you are to understand the word "enabled." Here I do not think that it can be said that it was the cash vouchers which enabled the fraud to be committed, though they may have facilitated it, and though the issue of credit notes might have checked it.

For these reasons, I think that the appeal should be dismissed with costs. In any future case, the Full Court must be supplied with copies of all the documents to be referred to, or in the case of Chinese exhibits, with copies of certified translations. Mr. Justice Lindsell: "I agree with the judgment read."

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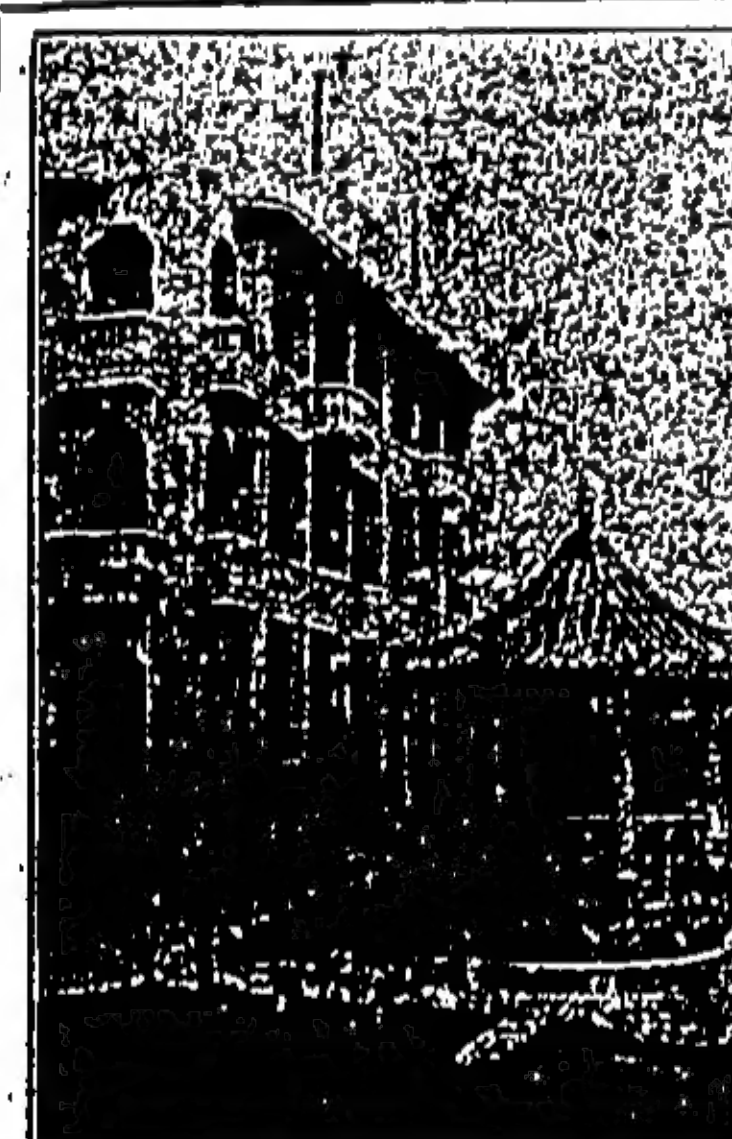
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 8th day of June, to MONDAY, 15th day of June, 1931, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 2nd June, 1931.

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Each year the Government railways of Siam call for tenders for the supply of steel, which are open to all steel makers, and during the past three years, the Japanese Bridge Builders' Association, through its agents, the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Bangkok Branch, has submitted estimates. In two successive years the French were successful. News has been received that this year the Japanese tender is the lowest and the fact of this success in open competition with the world's makers has caused elation in Japan, said the Minister of State for Railways, Dr. Egi, adding his congratulations and speaking hopefully of Japan's future prospects in the world market. The Japanese bid was successful against some forty competitors of Belgian, Czechoslovakian, French, German, American and British nationality. The contract is for the supply of five hundred tons of steel for new construction and replacement—plate girders, lattice girders, culverts, etc. Mitsui's bid was not less than Yen 100 per ton delivered in Bangkok. A German bid was second lowest. American bids were highest.

The Government Steel Works in Kyushu will supply the steel, which will pass Japanese Government railway specifications, which are severe. While there will be but small profit in this, the first Japanese contract for the supply of steel to a foreign government it will be of advertising value. Railway engineering in Japan has come much to the fore in the railway shops of Moscow and other Russian centres, and a Japanese has been engaged by the Persian Government as railway adviser. The Siamese deal will be so handled as to enhance the reputation of the island empire of the east, which is making a name for itself in a department of activity hitherto confined to a few Western nations, whose one-time monopoly in so many branches of engineering is now at an end.

SIAM COMMERCIAL BANK.

5 Per Cent. Dividend
Declared.

The forty-ninth general meeting of the Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd., was held in Bangkok, Phya Jayasompatti occupying the chair.

The directors' report and Balance sheet for the half-year ending March 31, 1931, is as follows:—

The net profit, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, deducting rebate on bills not due, allowing for interest accrued to date upon Fixed Deposits, and for other contingencies, amounts to:—
Tcs. \$17,491 including Tcs. 141,845 brought forward from the last account.

The Directors beg to recommend that the accrued profit be dealt with as follows:—Transfer to Statutory reserve Tcs. 17,564; Dividend for the half-year at the rate of 5 per cent. p.a. Tcs. \$2,500; Bonus of one Tical per share Tcs. \$3,000; Statutory remuneration to the Board Tcs. \$782; Bonus to the Staff Tcs. 15,832; Write off Bank Premises account Tcs. 10,000; Transfer to Staff Provident fund Tcs. 20,000; Carry forward to the next account Tcs. 129,812; Total Tcs. \$17,491.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Canada's trade with South American countries increased from a total of \$58,007,919 in 1928-29 to a total of \$65,683,007 in the fiscal year 1929-30.

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BOGUS DOCTOR'S

CAREER.

Six Months' for Aged Swindler.

An extraordinary career of crime was outlined at Tower Bridge when George William Dixon (75), of Onslow Gardens, S.W., a man of venerable and aristocratic appearance, was charged with obtaining 2s. 8d. by false pretences from Mr. Arthur Cooper, of the Blind Society, Waterloo Road. He was described on the charge-sheet as a medical practitioner, and he pleaded guilty.

Detective-Sergt. Peasley said Dixon called on Mr. Cooper and stated that he was "Dr. George William Dixon, senior honorary surgeon at St. George's Hospital and a member of the Junior Carlton Club, living at No. 6, Onslow Gardens." He said he was out visiting patients and wanted 2s. 8d. to make up a sum of 16s. he owed his cabman. Mr. Cooper, taken by Dixon's appearance, lent him the money. Noticing, however, that Dixon got into a tram instead of a cab, he followed him and called the police. At the station Dixon persisted that he was Dr. Dixon, of St. George's Hospital, but inquiries showed that no one of that name was an hon. surgeon there.

The detective added that since 1895 Dixon had been sentenced to terms of imprisonment amounting in all to twenty-seven years and one month. There were other convictions before that date, but as these could not be certified by finger prints these had not been taken into account. Among these were four terms of penal servitude. Generally his offences were of a character similar to the present charge, but there had been convictions for fraud and forgery. He was really a draftsman. There were convictions all over the country, including Dublin, Edinburgh, Northallerton, Belfast, Drogheda, Liverpool, Portsmouth, Birmingham, Bedford, Bray, Fleetwood, Wolverhampton, Brighton, Hastings, Worthing, Gosport, Winchester, Tunbridge Wells, and the London Guildhall. He had represented himself as "Dr. Tobias" of Brighton, "W. J. Watson, F.G.S.," etc.

Dixon said he had been living by writing the Lord's Prayer on the space of a sixpence. He had been medically trained but had never qualified.

Mr. Oulton (the magistrate): From your appearance I should say it was a pity you did not stick to that calling. With your record I can do no less than send you to prison for six months.

GRAMOPHONE MERGER.

New Holding Company
Registered.

A holding company to be known as Electric and Musical Industries has been registered for the purpose of acquiring shares in the Gramophone Company, Limited (H.M.V.), and the Columbia Gramophone Company.

Jordan's daily register of new companies gives the following particulars of Electric and Musical Industries:—The company has been formed to acquire not less than 90 per cent., or such less proportions of each class of shares respectively as the company shall think fit, of the issued share capitals of the Gramophone Company and the Columbia Gramophone Company; to carry on the business of manufacturers of and dealers in apparatus and machinery used in the generation, accumulation, and supply of electrical energy; makers of scientific, musical, surgical, therapeutic or medical instruments or apparatus, including machines for recording, reproducing, transmitting or receiving sounds, and vision pictures; manufacturers of and dealers in gramophone, radio sets, &c. The nominal capital is £100 in £1 shares.

The directors are A. Clark (chairman), L. Sterling, Lord Marks, J. Broad, E. De Stein, M. Herbert, D. Sarnoff, and E. T. L. Williams.

Mr. Alfred Clark, the chairman, is managing director of the Gramophone Company Ltd., and is also a director of the British Gramophone Company, Limited, the Maremont Gramophone Company, Limited, Cie. Franciska du Gramophone (chairman), Skandinavisk Gramophone Aktieselskab, and the Victor Talking Machine Company of America.

At the annual meeting of the Maritime Guernsey Club held in Truro, the retiring president, V. B. Leonard, said that prospects look good for the advancement of the breed in Nova Scotia. He called attention to the many R. O. P. records completed during the year and added that Maritime-bred Guernseys hold their own with those of any other part of Canada.

SWEDISH MATCHES.

**CHINA MARKET PRACTICALLY
CLOSED.**

In the annual report of the Svenska Tandsticks Aktiebolaget (the Swedish Match Company) the directors state that after showing for eight consecutive years a continued increase in the annual export of matches from Sweden, the company has for last year to record a decrease of about 10 per cent. compared with the previous year. This, it is stated, has not been caused by any diminished consumption of matches nor by the acquisition of match concessions in various countries, but was due to prohibitive Customs tariffs in several States. Since the issue of the last report two important markets for matches—China and Egypt—have become practically closed through the increase of tariffs, and therefore, a further reduction in the export of Swedish matches is looked for during the current year.

It is, however, pointed out that any loss in the export trade is more counterbalanced by increased sales of local-made matches. In general, in fact, the business of the company appears to have developed favourably, particularly in view of the general economic depression, and the total sales of the company have been the highest in its history. The report also expresses the view that Russian competition is declining, reports indicating that for last year the export of matches from Russia was 40 per cent less than for the preceding year. Referring to the agreement entered into with the German Government last year, the business both of the monopoly company, which is exclusively a sales company, of the manufacturing companies owned by the Swedish Match Company, must, it is considered, be regarded as quite satisfactory.

The report also states that, in spite of disturbed conditions in India during last year, sales increased by about 15 per cent.

BURIED FOR THREE DAYS.

Man Aged 90 Asks Rescuers For
Mug of Beer.

Lord Bledisloe, the Governor-General of New Zealand, tells a remarkable story of an aged man's escape in the earthquake at Napier on February 3 in an official despatch to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

The Governor-General, describing his visit to the stricken area, states:—
"Among many striking cases of rescue from death amid the wreckage of fallen structures, perhaps the most remarkable was that of an old man named James Collins, ninety years of age, who was found beneath the debris of the Old People's Home at Napier on Friday, February 6, three days and nights after the disaster, not merely alive, but in good spirits."

"When found he asked for a mug of beer. I saw him and talked to him the following day in the Napier Field Hospital."

In a tribute to the work of the navy at the time of the earthquake, Lord Bledisloe writes:—

"But for the presence and behaviour of those on board the sloop (H.M.S. Veronica) there is no doubt whatever that widespread panic would have prevailed, and the deaths and injuries would have been far more numerous."

"Within fifteen minutes of the catastrophe a party of bluejackets had landed and marched in perfect order up the wrecked streets, spreading confidence everywhere as they went."

STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for June, 1931. Standard time of the 120th Meridian East of Greenwich are as follows:—

		Sunrise	Sunset
June		a.m.	p.m.
9	5.38	7.06	
10	5.38	7.06	
11	5.38	7.07	
12	5.38	7.07	
13	5.38	7.08	
14	5.38	7.08	
15	5.38	7.08	
16	5.38	7.08	
17	5.38	7.09	
18	5.38	7.09	
19	5.39	7.10	
20	5.39	7.10	
21	5.39	7.10	
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26	5.40	7.11	
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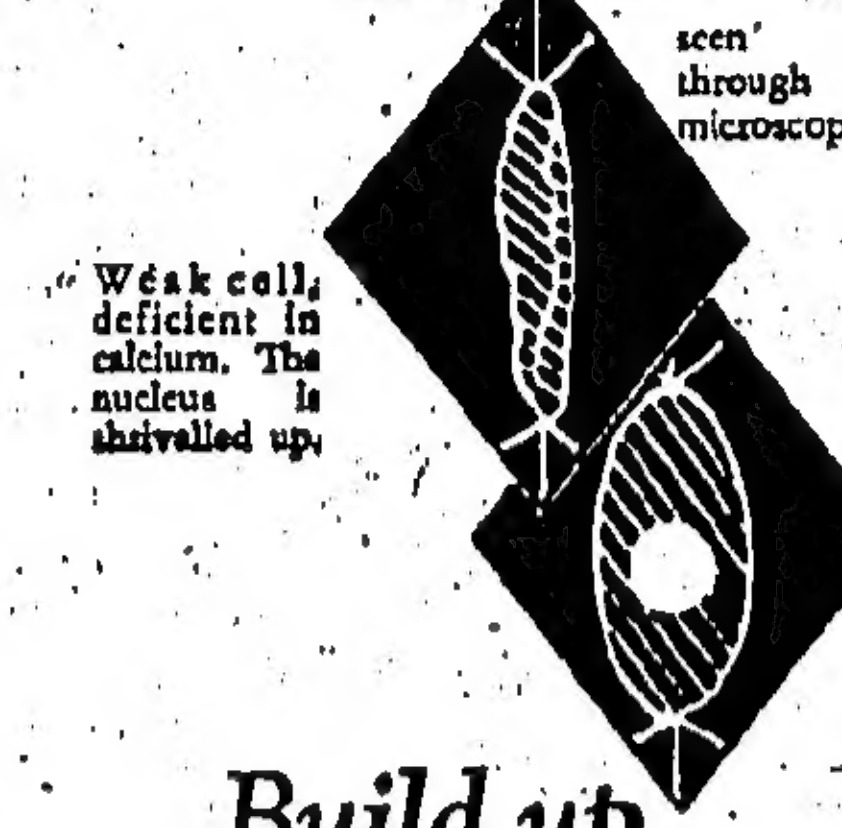


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MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Manila Maru Mon., 6th July.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo.	Brisbane Maru Mon., 6th July.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Argun Maru Fri., 19th June.
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	Hamburg Maru Thurs., 18th June.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Atlas Maru Sun., 14th June.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (8 p.m. every Sunday).	Menado Maru Thurs., 11th June.
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London, May 8.
The British cruiser London has arrived at Portsmouth from Madeira.

The officers warmly praised the able way in which Captain Burroughs, Commander of the London, acted in a difficult situation.

They said that on May 2, when the rebels were defeated and neither the rebels nor the Government forces were available to take charge of Funchal, Captain Burroughs landed 200 armed soldiers to police the town.

The men marched with fixed bayonets, the White Ensign flying ahead and astern, and quelled all the excitement. But for their presence there might have been serious street fighting, as there were 2,000 rebels in the streets.

It is understood that a special medal will be struck for the ship's company to commemorate the event.

NEW U.S. SHIPPING PLAN.

Government Ownership And Private Operation.

The plan for the United States merchant marine, owned by the Government, the vessels to be leased to private operators on a profit-sharing basis, but reverting to Government service in time of war, is outlined by Mr. Carl E. Grunsky of San Francisco, former member of the Isthmian Canal Commission and president of the American Engineering Council, in a statement made public through the council. Participation in the scheme would be restricted to corporations with a capital of at least \$200,000, of which at least \$50,000 must be paid in.

One feature of the scheme is that the Shipping Board would be empowered to decide how many ships should be allotted to any operator and would supervise the construction of new vessels required by operators with the funds at its disposal. The operation of the vessels would not be restricted or subject to supervision, but the books of operations must be open to the Government for verification of statements of financial results. No commissions would be paid to operators, but there is a hint of possible subsidies to be paid out of surplus earnings of successful operators. Operators would be required to pay the Government annually a sum equivalent to the standard depreciation charge on each vessel.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Sunday, June 7.
Glenapp, British str., 5,877 tons, Capt. T. F. Ingram, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—J. M. & Co.

Penang, Maru, Japanese str., 3,280 tons, Captain Y. Iida, from Sakito, Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

Perim, British str., 4,779 tons, Capt. A. E. Salway, from London via Singapore, Stonecutters Anchorage—M. M. & Co.

Tasclusa, British str., 4,052 tons, Captain P. W. Trot, from Los Angeles, Laichikok, Anchorage—Standard Oil Co.

Tsinan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Shanghai, buoy No. B20—B. & S.

Monday, June 8.
Automedon, British str., 4,788 tons, Capt. B. Cubley, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf—B. & S.

City of Bombay, British str., 8,254 tons, Captain C. Brown, from Manila, Holt's Wharf—Bank Line.

Havelland, German str., 3,888 tons, Captain Vogt, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6—Jebson & Co.

Hopang, British str., 1,589 tons, Capt. F. R. Gay Cumling, from Canton, buoy No. B2—J. M. & Co.

Linan, British str., 1,866 tons, Capt. J. Layton, from Canton, buoy No. B3—B. & S.

Marly, Norwegian str., 657 tons, Capt. H. Lovland, from Bangkok, buoy No. C1—Wallem & Co.

Song Bo, French str., 720 tons, Capt. Le Chevalier, from Canton, buoy No. A3—Sling Kee.

Suiyang, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. J. Robertson, from Canton, buoy No. B15—B. & S.

Sourabaya, Maru, Japanese str., 4,818 tons, Captain A. Iresias, from Tawao, N.B., buoy No. A4—O.S.K.

Wing Lo, Portuguese str., 650 tons, Capt. J. E. Harvey, from E. C. Wan, buoy No. C4—W. Hop & Co.

PROGRESS OF UNITED STATES SHIPPING.

The Jones-White Act Effect.

TONNAGE PROGRAMMES.

The substantial progress made during 1930 towards the establishment of a permanent and efficient United States merchant marine is the subject of an article in The Index, published by the New York Trust Company. An encouraging feature of the past year, states the writer, was the further withdrawal of the Government from the shipping business. Since 1919 the Shipping Board has reduced the number of ships under its control from 1,800 to 433, and more than 75 per cent. of the vessels in the American merchant marine are now in private hands. While the continued operation of shipping services by the Board has been considered essential to the development of foreign trade and the maintenance of the United States merchant marine, Congress has laid down—and the Shipping Board has been carrying out—the national policy of transferring Government-owned lines to private ownership as rapidly as United States shipping interests can be induced to take them over.

Foreign Trade.
The effort to develop a U.S. merchant marine, the writer continues, has been chiefly directed towards the expansion of that part of our commercial shipping which is engaged in foreign trade. It is believed that in international trade, expansion and effective competition in foreign markets depend to a material extent upon the ownership of adequate shipping facilities. The large volume of American foreign commerce, the increasingly important part that it is playing in the industrial progress of the nation, and the fact that it is 75 per cent. water-borne, all emphasize the necessity of maintaining satisfactory and uninterrupted shipping services to all parts of the world. Such services, it is felt, can only be assured through the development and continued operation of American owned steamship lines.

The United States is credited with ocean vessels aggregating over 10,000,000 gross tons, thus ranking second to Great Britain with 19,000,000 tons, and considerably higher than the other principal maritime countries. Analysis reveals, however, that American ships engaged in foreign trade represent less than one-half of the total tonnage. The inactive Shipping Board vessels account for approximately 1,500,000 tons and ships in the protected coastwise trade account for some 2,000,000 tons. Oil tank ships, which are supplied only with cargoes by their owners and, consequently, do not compete in the open freight market, account for an additional 2,500,000 tons.

Few Modern Ships.
Excluding the vessels mentioned above, there are some 800 U.S. ships of approximately 4,000,000 gross tons engaged in foreign trade which, during the past few years, have carried about 80 per cent. of the exports and imports of the United States. A study of the types of vessels comprising this fleet reveals that very few of them are modern ships capable of competing effectively under present day conditions. There is, for example, but one vessel in the super-liner class—20,000 or more tons capable of cruising at over 20 knots an hour—the Leviathan. Two others are in course of construction, but Great Britain owns nine vessels of this type, and France, Germany and Italy four each. Due to the loan and mail contract provisions of the Jones-White Act, our deficiency in moderately fast combination cargo and passenger liners is now being remedied to a certain extent. Approximately 100 U.S. vessels of this type are now in service on the trade routes between the United States and the principal foreign countries, and 15 more are in course of construction. The majority of the U.S. vessels engaged in foreign trade, however, are slow speed cargo ships built during the War period. In many instances, they could not be operated profitably had they not been purchased from the Shipping Board at prices substantially below world market prices. In view of the many technical improvements in ship and engine design which have since been made, many of the ships are nearly obsolete.

Construction Programme.
However, U.S. shipyards are now busier than at any time with

U. S. MERCHANT MARINE.

Unfair Competition Condemned.

That controversies and jealousy among American shipping men are menacing the future of the U.S. merchant marine, is the opinion of Mr. Malcolm M. Stewart, manager of the foreign freight department of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Middle West Foreign Trade Committee, expressed in an address delivered at a meeting of the Propeller Club, in New York.

Mr. Stewart mentioned efforts by foreign steamship interests to create the impression in the Middle West that American companies have blocked reductions in rates and of the circulation of foreign propaganda by Americans who are handling or serving foreign vessels. In reference to the need for co-operation in behalf of the merchant marine, he said:

"Let the strong and powerful North Atlantic companies be satisfied with their North Atlantic interests, let them not seek to gain control and dominate the Gulf and South Atlantic lines, let them not try to establish traffic control of the Gulf lines in the North Atlantic, and above all, let American companies be American companies."

"Let not one American company that receives mail contract to operate in one section operate a foreign flag line in direct competition with another American line that is also receiving a mail contract from the Government. This, gentlemen, is absolutely unethical, and that is why we have insisted upon passage of the Davis Bill, along with the White Bill."

"There is a strong resentment toward American companies operating a few American vessels and a large number of foreign vessels. I am pointing out to you this danger, because it is a real problem for the Middle West, and the merchant marine to-day is in greater danger of harm than it has been for the last ten years as a result of this."

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S.'s R.M.S. Empress of Canada arrived at Kobe on June 7 (Sun.) at noon, left Kobe the same day at 10 p.m., is due at Shanghai on June 9 (Tues.), at 6 p.m., and leaves for Hong Kong on June 10 (Wed.) at 4 p.m.

The C.P.S.'s R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Shanghai on June 7 (Sun.) at 4.30 p.m., left Shanghai on June 8 (Mon.) at 2 a.m., was due at Nagasaki on June 9 (Tues.) at 6 a.m., and leaves for Kobe on June 9 (Tues.) at 5 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Nagasaki on June 9 (Tues.) at 8.30 a.m., leaves Nagasaki on June 9 (Tues.) at 5 p.m., and is due at Kobe on June 10 (Wed.) at 5 p.m. She leaves Kobe for Yokohama on June 11 (Thurs.) at 3 p.m.

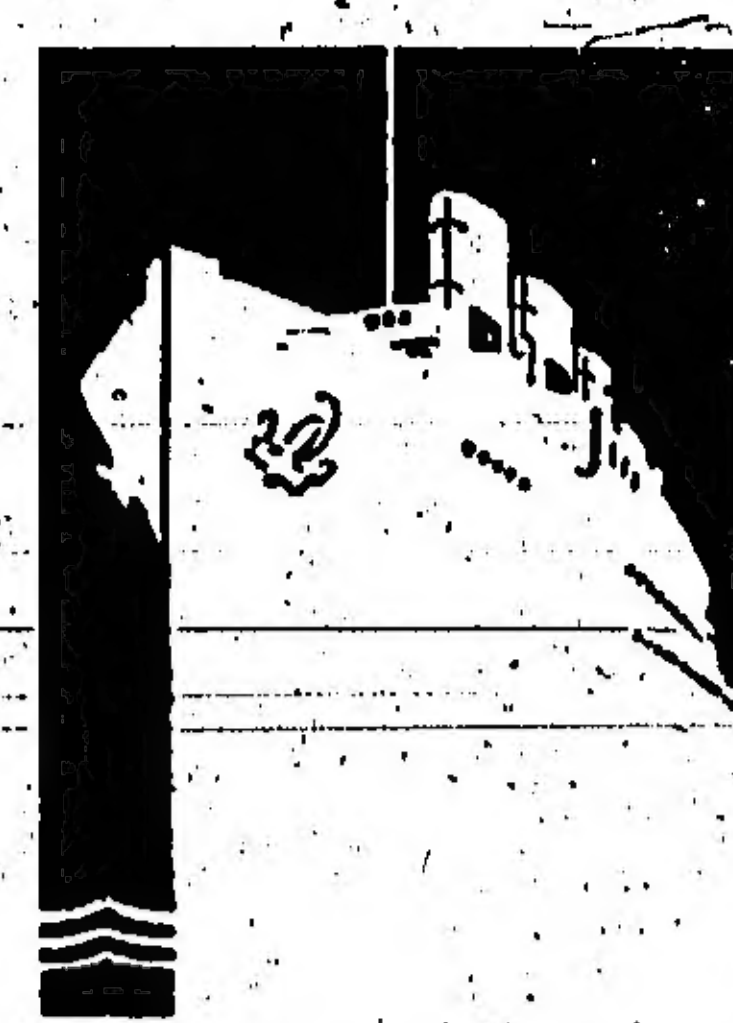
WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:

Olympus—West wall dock.
Odin—In dock.
Otus—In dock.
Parthian—West wall dock.
Seamew—South wall.
Sirdar—In dock.
Somme—North arm.
Sterling—North arm.
Tamar—Basin.
Thracian—North arm.
Foreign.
Vigilante—French gunboat.

In the past 75 years, excepting only the War, this revival of ship-building is directly attributable to the stimulus provided by the Jones-White Merchant Marine Act of 1920, which was designed to equalise the cost of building and operating U.S. ships as compared with ships of foreign registry.

Since the passage of the Act, two years ago, mail contracts have been awarded covering 40 ocean routes and calling for the construction of 68 ships aggregating about 700,000 tons. Six of the new ships have been completed and are now in service, while 18 are under construction at the present time. The monetary outlay which can be definitely counted upon for ship construction in the next four or five years amounts to approximately \$300,000,000 dollars (\$60,000,000).



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Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	—	—	July 20
Empress of Japan	July 13	July 21	July 23	July 25	July 31	Aug. 5	Aug. 5
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	—	—	Aug. 17
Empress of Canada	Aug. 13	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	—	—	Aug. 30
Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	—	—	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	—	—	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	—	—	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	—	—	Oct. 25
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	—	—	Nov. 9
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	—	—	Nov. 22
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 25	Nov. 28	—	—	Dec. 7

"Empress of Russia" and "Empress of Asia" call at Nagasaki.

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"The retirement scheme for lieutenant-commanders appears to have caused some parents to ask themselves whether a boy who becomes an officer in the Royal Navy in the present circumstances can look forward to this as his life's career. The Admiralty endeavours so to regulate entries that cadets may have a reasonable prospect of a career.

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"It is desired to emphasise that the only officers affected by the retirement scheme are those entered during the war and in the years immediately preceding it. When this reduction has been carried out it is considered that, with the Fleet at its present strength, further retirement schemes will not be necessary.

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The insurance of the steamer was fixed up in 1930 on the basis of the then prevailing insurance code, which was replaced by a new code at the change of the year. Under the former code it was provided that if a ship were at sea at the change of the year the old insurance policies should continue to operate until the ship reached the next port and up to midnight afterwards.

Having regard to the complication of the matter the interested underwriters decided to get the question provisionally settled by a committee specially appointed for the purpose. The committee, which was composed of various high court assessors and the Norwegian Lord Chief Justice as the chairman, has now reached a unanimous decision, which is to the effect that compensation must be paid by the 1931 underwriters.

The committee find that they must not take into consideration the text of the prolongation question since they have decided in accordance with the sense of the clause. According to the text, the loss occurred under the old code during the prolongation time, but on the other hand it is considered that the code never intended anything so unreasonable as that the clause would operate in this special case.

The amount concerned in the case of the hull is stated to be £110,000, to which has to be added freight and interest insurances. It is, as yet uncertain whether the dispute is finally settled, but it is thought that but little prospect would exist of winning an action in view of the unanimous decision of the committee.

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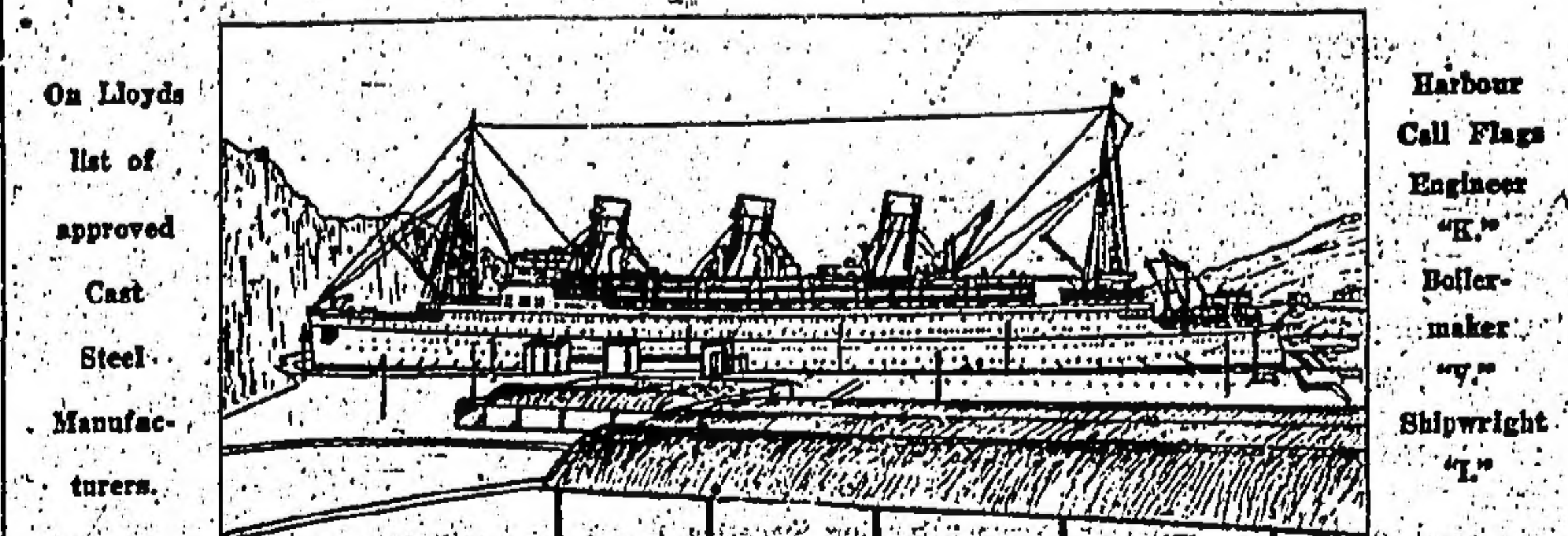
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His Wife's Enthusiasm

A Parliamentary version of
"the woman tempted me" is
forthcoming in the facetious dis-
closure by the London correspon-
dent of the Singapore Free
Press that Sir John Simon's
intervention in the "mul-tai"
question "was, of course, due to
the enthusiasm of his wife." It
is pointed out that one reason why
Sir John Simon has fallen into a
grievous error in his campaign
against mul-tai in Hong Kong is
that he has not taken sufficient
trouble to acquaint himself with
facts which can easily be gleaned
by a casual glance at the news-
papers. There was a debate
which lasted for four hours in
the House of Commons three
weeks ago, Sir John Simon being
the principal speaker and critic
of the policy of Sir Cecil Clementi
during the latter's Governorship
of Hong Kong. Sir John stated
that he had taken the trouble to
learn certain facts from Hong
Kong newspapers, in that con-
nection it is extraordinary that he
should have given a piece of
information which, apparently,
the House of Commons swallowed
without question. Asked by
Mr. Loyat-Fraser as to the value
of the Hong Kong dollar, Sir
John replied, "it is about two
shillings."

Commenting on this, the
Strait Echo says: Should the
foregoing statement be read by
those residing in Hong Kong
their comment will probably be
"I wish he meant it." The mis-
take is not very material to the
subject under discussion, but it
is an evidence that Sir John
is not always conversant with

his facts before expressing his
precious opinions thereon.

Continuing, the Straits Echo
says: There are mul-tai in
Hong Kong, and there are prob-
ably slaves, but there are burglars
in Penang, yet Sir John Simon
does not criticise our Govern-
ment for legalising burglary. If
Sir John were to devote his
energies to assisting the Hong
Kong Police in arresting those
who were known to be harbour-
ing slaves, he would be render-
ing a better service than he is
performing by denouncing a sys-
tem that does not exist under the
law. In the meantime, the most
generous interpretation we can
place on Sir John's intervention
is that supplied by our Singa-
pore contemporary, i.e., that it is
"due to the enthusiasm of his
wife."

Thus is another chapter writ-
ten of the Secret History of Hong
Kong. Some may have a more
suitable word than "en-
thusiasm" to describe the activi-
ties of Lady Simon. We know
another lady at Home whose
meddling with the mul-tai prob-
lem in this Colony has earned
for her a much more forceful
word than "enthusiasm." Those
"Meddlesome Matties" ought to
be restrained from influencing
their husbands into interfering
with subjects of which they know
nothing beyond what has been
dinned into their ears by wives
with a hobby to ride. Little
wonder that truth is perverted,
and that Hong Kong is painted
in the House of Commons as a
veritable cesspool of iniquity.
Let these females at Home with
so much "enthusiasm" take their
lorgnettes off Hong Kong for a
change and give a hand to Dr.
Bernado's Home, Quaker's
Homes, and the Salvation Army
in their endeavour to make child
life at Home more tolerable and
more comfortable than it is at the
moment!

News in Brief

The lowest open air temperature
yesterday was 79 degrees. At 10
a.m. the humidity was 77 and at
4 p.m. 87.

Twelve months' hard labour was
imposed on Tsing Hi, a returned
banished, at the Kowloon Police
Court this morning. Accused was
sent away for 10 years in 1929 for
having participated in an armed
robbery.

Mr. Chan Pu-fat, one of the
leading Chinese merchants of
Panama, is passing through the
Colony on his way to Panama for
the purpose of reporting to the
Chinese Overseas Committee, the
activities of Chinese in the Repub-
lic of Panama during the past year.
Mr. Chan was recently appointed
honorary adviser of the Legation of
the Republic of China.

The furniture of the Metropole
Hotel, 100, Queen Street, is to be
sold by auction by Messrs. Lamert
Brothers on June 17 and 18.

A collision between the P. & O.
launch Jeanette and the Shamshupo
Ice Factory motor boat Wang Nam
occurred off Douglas Wharf yester-
day at 6.40 o'clock. The launch
escaped undamaged, but the motor
boat was damaged fairly exten-
sively. No persons were injured.

For stealing a quantity of
clothing and two wrist watches from
127, Apliu Street, the property of
seven coolies, a Chinese was in the
Kowloon Police Court to-day sent
to jail for two months with hard
labour. Two months' imprison-
ment was also imposed on the same
man for the theft of a jacket, the
terms to run concurrently.

ALLEGED RAPE OF A NIECE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Plaintiff's Story.
Plaintiff was then called, his
evidence in the main being corro-
borative. He described how de-
fendant accused him of an offence
against Se Ah-mui eight years
ago. Defendant pointed to the
girl when he made the remarks.
He (plaintiff) would swear that
the allegation was false.
Cross-examined by defendant,
witness admitted that in the first
place, defendant accused him of
acting "like a beast." They were
sitting side by side at the time.
The matter had never been
brought up before. He denied that
the whole affair was "a
trumped-up charge." Nor was it
correct that defendant had not
put the accusation quite so strongly.
It was a definite charge of
seduction.

Excited Defendant.
Answering the Chief Justice
witness said that in the begin-
ning the conversation was in
confidential manner. Defendant
spoke in a low tone, but when he
(witness) demanded what defend-
ant meant by it, defendant's tone
became louder, and he thumped
the table with his fist.

As regards the terms of the
letter of apology, it was settled
that defendant should give an
apology at a dinner, and set off
fire-crackers. This was to be put
in the letter. Defendant, how-
ever, would not agree to pay the
costs up to the date of the letter
being written. Nor was any-
thing arranged as to what should
be put in the letter leading up to
the question of terms. Further,
no arrangement was made for de-
fendant to admit the slander in
the letter.

Indignant Father.
Se Chi-kwan, the girl's father,
was then called. He described
the events on the night of Novem-
ber 8-9. Defendant had shown
him a paper written by Se Ah-
mui, and then taken it back again.
Defendant also told him as to his
suspicions as to what happened
eight years ago.

He ordered defendant out of
the house, and sent for plaintiff.
Later, defendant was also sent
for, and the two men brought to-
gether. Defendant wished to
take plaintiff to the Police Sta-
tion, after repeating his accusa-
tion, and asked Se Ah-mui to
struggle with plaintiff, to give
him a pretext to do so. Witness
finally sent defendant away
again. That was about 4 a.m.
The hearing is proceeding.

SIR F. MILNER.

DEATH OF FORMER M.P. FOR BASSETLAW.

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brother in the Baronetcy, married
a daughter of Mr. W. Beckett,
M.P. From 1883 to 1885 he was
M.P. for York. After unsuc-
cessfully contesting the Sowerby
and the Radcliffe-cum-Farnworth
division, he was returned in 1890
for the Bassetlaw Division of
Nottingham, for which he sat as a Conservative
until 1905—British Wireless Service.

PRINCESS ILL.

MICROBE INFECTIONS WITH FEVER.

Rugby, Yesterday.
An improvement in the condi-
tion of Princess Marie Louise,
who is suffering from microbe in-
fections with fever, is noted in a
bulletin issued this morning, which
says her condition shows a little
improvement after a good night's
sleep—British Wireless Service.

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

NEW SHARPSHOOTERS.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C.
Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General
of Police, are as under:—

General.
Revolver Practice.—The regular
weekly revolver practice will take
place at the Bowen Road Revolver
Range to-morrow at 6 p.m. It
will be open to members of the In-
dian Company, Hong Kong Police
Reserve.

Training Course—Part II.
The weekly classes for Police
Reservists will in future take place
at the Chinese Company's Head-
quarters, 17 Queen's Road Central.
The next class will be held to-
day at 5.30 p.m. All members
of the Chinese Company who have
not yet passed Part 2 of Training
Course should attend.

Chinese Company.
Strength.—Constable R75 Ip
Ping-chi has been permitted to re-
sign having completed one year's
service with effect from April 21.
Indian Company.
Strength.—Constable R264 A. K.
Karamat has been taken on the
strength of the Indian Company as
from June 1.

Flying Squad.
The weekly instructional patrol
of the Kowloon Section will take
place to-day. Fall in at Tsim-
tsui Fire Brigade Station at
5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki
uniform and cap with khaki cover.
The weekly instructional patrol
of the Hong Kong Section will
take place on Friday. Fall in at
Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m.
sharp. Dress—Khaki uniform and
cap with khaki cover.

Sharpshooters' Company.
Strength.—Constable R422 C. H.
Courtis has been permitted to re-
sign having completed one year's
service with effect from June 1.
The following members have
been taken on the strength of the
Sharpshooters Company as from
June 6.
Constables R405 H. Greys; R417
L. Dowdall; and R422 R. Stewart.
(Sgd.) D. L. King, D.S.P. (R.)

HOTEL CECIL.

MUSICAL ATTRACTION AT DINNER DANCE.

The Hungarian Zimbal, which
may be regarded as "the father"
of the modern piano as it was
played in Europe long before
pianos were in existence, finds its
origin in China. It is so difficult
to play that it has become almost
a lost relic. In appearance it looks
like a miniature piano with a shal-
low box and exposed strings, which
are manipulated by the fingers and
with two soft hammers wielded by
the player.
Professor Alois Barna who is
touring round the world has de-
voted 43 years to this instrument.
With his cymbal, metallophone,
xylophone, and glasses, he has en-
raptured many an audience in
North China, Korea, Japan, Great
Britain, Germany, France and
America. The amazing rapidity
and skill of his manipulation of
the Zimbal is as fascinating to his
listeners as the qualities of the
instrument or the beauty of the
music.

Having delighted many radio
fans and attracted large crowds
wherever he gave recitals, Profes-
sor Barna has gained renown for
his soulful harmonies throughout
the whole world. He is a gifted
composer as well as a performer.
"Gallop Mashinengwah" is one
of his most popular compositions,
and "Fourth Zimballo Etude" and
"International Songs" are his other
favourite pieces.

Hong Kong music lovers are now
again given an opportunity of en-
joying Professor Barna's wonder-
ful melodies, as the Hotel Cecil has
made a special engagement with
Professor Barna to play his four
instruments in the dining hall
when a dinner dance will be held
on Saturday.

The management of the Hotel
Cecil make a charge of \$3 includ-
ing dinner, primarily for the pur-
pose of affording their patrons an
occasion to appreciate Professor
Barna's skill and expertise in his
ancient instruments.

There will be added specially
dances by Miss Bella, the accom-
panist being Miss Luba Pecker.

Booking is now open at the Hotel
Cecil and those desiring to enjoy
a good time on Saturday night are
requested to make reservations
early.

HOME RAMBLERS!

BIG GIANT FROM CARNEGIE

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Carnegie (United King-
dom) Trust are making a grant of
£10,000 for the provision of hos-
tels in connection with the Ram-
blers' movement in Great Britain.
—British Wireless Service.

CHEFOO NOTES.

PROSPECTS OF A GOOD WHEAT HARVEST.

EMPIRE DAY.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]
Chefoo, May 25.

On the afternoon of May 20, in
glorious weather, a large number of
friends gathered at the C.I.M. Pro-
prietory School to enjoy the Annual
Sports of the little ones, and as
we watched them run, jump, and
skip through their various races,
your Correspondent finds it hard to
say, who enjoyed themselves most,
the children or the grown-
ups; yet I am sure that such
an enjoyable afternoon was
spent that it will be hard to forget
all we saw, and our hearty con-
gratulations must be given to the
Staff for the excellent programme
provided.

David Kidder and John Slichter
proved the champions of the after-
noon and came out "a tie" at the
end of the sports, so that this year a
second Silver Pendant has to be
found, it being impossible to divide
the Championship Medal between
two. The prizes were graciously
distributed by Miss Rice amid
the cheers of all present. The
prizes this year had been contrib-
uted by British children, members of
the C.I.M. Comradeship.

Empire Day.

As Empire Day fell on a Sunday
this year it was arranged that all
celebrations should be held on the
day before. At noon the British
members of the Club were at Home
to their friends, when most of the
community gathered to celebrate
Empire Day and to enjoy all that
had been provided by the generosity
of our hosts.

At 2.30 the children of the C.I.M.
and the Japanese Schools (the
children of the French Schools being
unavoidably absent) gathered
around the flagstaff at the C.I.M.
Boys School, with many friends,
when His Britannic Majesty's Con-
sul, Mr. R. S. Pratt, gave a most in-
spiring talk to the children on the
value of Empire Day and why it
was established as an annual hol-
iday: after which the Union Jack
was broken at the masthead by
David Landsborough, the Senior
Prefect of the School, during which
the British National Anthem was
heartily sung. Master Jimmy
Bruce then presented to Mrs. Pratt
a bouquet of red roses, white iris,
and blue cornflowers amid the ring-
ing cheers of all present.

Sports Programme.

A long and most interesting
Sports programme was then carried
out, to the intense satisfaction
of the children present, all of whom
entered most heartily into the
various items, some of the items
causing much merriment as the
"mule team" fell and rolled along,
finding themselves not quite as sure
footed as mules generally are. At
the close of the sports a very sub-
stantial and greatly enjoyed tea
was provided for the children finish-
ing up with ice-cream which
brought forth screams of delight,
and thus a very happy and success-
ful day was brought to its close, one
to be long remembered by all who
took part.

It was with real sorrow of heart
that we bade farewell to Mr. and
Mrs. V. Mortensen as they left us
on the evening of May 23, after their
long term of nearly 20 years in our
midst. Mr. Mortensen, as Manager
of the Cable Company, which he so
faithfully served, was respected by
all, both Chinese and foreigners
alike, while Mrs. Mortensen had
endeared herself to us all in so many
ways that we shall miss her much.
We wish them both a very happy
and restful retirement, and trust
that they may be spared for many
years to come to enjoy it.

"Bon Voyage."

A number of friends gathered at
the Jetty to wish them "bon
voyage" and the best of luck. I
have been informed that Mr.
Mortensen was presented with an
elegant and beautifully engraved
silver plaque by the Staff of the
Cable Office ere he left as a token
of their esteem and good wishes.

Although we have had a cold
Spring and everything in the gar-
den and field has been retarded there-
by, the present beautiful weather is
making the fields rejoice and there
is every prospect of a good Wheat
Harvest in the future.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
June 9, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/6.

Hong Kong won the interpro-
vincial tennis doubles, winning three
straight sets. Shanghai was out-
played absolutely. Ng Sze-kwong
and M. W. Lo of Hong Kong beat
Pott and Mabel Smith of Shanghai,
7-5, 6-4, 8-6.

PRINCESS REVEALS HER DREAMLAND.

Secrets of a Friend of Kings.

"MY PRIVATE DIARY."

"I have always refused to accept even playful admiration from a married man. And I think a woman who flirts in earnest with a married man is a fiend!"

So, writes Daisy, Princess Pless, formerly Miss Daisy Cornwallis-West, in a new book, "From My Private Diary," that will probably be one of the season's "best sellers." It is a very revealing book.

Years before the war Daisy, Princess Pless, was reckoned one of the two most beautiful women in Europe. She and her sister, Shelia (the former Duchess of Westminster), were the most famous pair of beauties in Britain.

Struck to Her Job. It is clear from this diary that "Daisy's" marriage with the son of a rich German prince was a long, carefully hidden, bitter disappointment. She waited until her eldest son married, and then she says, "when that was over, felt that I had no longer any ties in Silesia." She divorced her husband in 1923.

Now, as a result of arduous hospital work in Germany during the war, when she ought to have rested, she is unable to walk. She lives at La Napoule, on the Mediterranean.

Princess Daisy was a friend of King Edward and Queen Alexandra, and of the Kaiser and Kaiserin. They all called her Daisy. She entertained all the German Imperial family, and half the nobility of the Continent.

She writes of the ex-Kaiser: "I am vain enough to think that the Emperor liked me better and treated me with more sincerity and frankness than almost any other woman he knew. There were many reasons for this. I was British. I was different. I was never afraid of him."

"Then, he liked to be with me and look at me because my beauty was of the pink, white, and gold 'British' type that appealed to him. He often kissed my hand."

An Exile. The Princess occasionally pours her heart out to her diary. She was an exile, in Germany, but her heart was always in Britain.

In December 1908 she writes: "My wedding day sixteen years ago to-day. I cried myself (but not to sleep) last night thinking of all the 'might-have-beens,' the little intimate things I prayed and tried and longed for years between Hans (her husband) and myself—but what's the use now?"

A couple of years earlier: "Tomorrow a ball at my German in-laws, on the 31st at Court ball, but oh, how tired my heart is; and yet I know things must ever go on like this."

"I have been cast for a part on this world's stage, and when this curtain goes up I must come forward, face the audience, and speak my lines."

Deep in my heart I keep hearing—is it an echo of genuine life somewhere in this world, of the intimations of some past or future existence that was, or shall be, mine in close communion with some ideal love?

"My true beloved—whose hands will hold up my face, whose voice will sound ever caressingly in my ear: Come, little one, away from it all to a home in the woods near the sea, in some far country."

"The scent of the flowers at evening floating in through open windows; the thrill of crisp air over white snow—no artificial perfumes in gilded saloons—live only for and in the worship of God, tending the new lives that spring up from us."

A Distant Dream House. "But I must drop this nonsense. The hotel band downstairs is still playing; may it make them happy! And tomorrow I shall again wear diamonds and dance. Yet my soul lives in my distant dream-house, a little house, but big as the Kingdom, over which I reign; for now I am alone, alone in an alien country, trying my best to do my share fairly, to do my best, and no one knows but God and myself what is in my heart."

"She came over to Britain for theatricals at Chatsworth, visits to Sandringham, yachting at Cowes, and rest at Newlands, Hampshire, her parents' place, which she loved. The diary is a panorama of life and movement, with peeps behind the scenes. One day, on

THE ARMY AND GAS WARFARE.

Football Played in Masks.

DEFENSIVE TRAINING.

Special measures are to be taken by the military authorities with a view to increasing the efficiency of defensive training against gas.

The Chemical Warfare School at Porton is, in future, to form a wing of the Small Arms School. The Machine-Gun School at Netheravon, Salisbury Plain, and the Small Arms School, Hythe, were amalgamated in 1926. Thus, to-day, the School embraces three wings, the Machine-Gun Wing, the Small Arms Wing, and Anti-Gas Wing. The latter branch has been placed under the School Commandant, Brigadier R. J. Collins, in order that he may co-ordinate small arms and anti-gas training.

Between 500 and 600 soldiers last year voluntarily submitted themselves to tests to prove the efficacy of certain treatment for skin-burns produced by gases used in warfare and to test masks embodying new protective devices.

The provision of adequate protection against chemical warfare is a matter calling for considerable research and experiment and the application of practical tests with due regard to the safety of the personnel engaged. The respirator, as a protective instrument, has been greatly improved in recent years, but it does not wholly provide against the action of gas on personnel.

Protective Measures.

Blistering agents, of which mustard gas is the most important, attack all parts of the body, so that special antidotal measures have to be applied. Hence the special treatment to which soldiers have submitted to enable experts to find the best method of handling and treating gas injuries. Success in the field must necessarily depend to a considerable extent on the information now obtained as to the use of poison vapours and the nature of their effect on the soldier.

All ranks are trained in the maintenance of the respirator in an efficient condition, its proper adjustment in the shortest time possible and to take advantage of other available protective devices. They must be able to wear the mask continuously for long periods and become so accustomed to it that its inevitable physical disadvantages are reduced to a minimum. It is also considered desirable that men should be taught to recognise by sight, smell or taste, the main types of gases which may be encountered, both for their own protection and to give the alarm.

It is pointed out that good gas discipline implies not only that troops shall be well trained in defensive measures and practised in wearing respirators, but also that commanders and staffs are conversant with the powers and tactical uses of chemical weapons. Further that troops placed in unsuitable positions or retained in positions which have been heavily contaminated with substances such as mustard gas, will sustain heavy gas casualties, no matter how well trained the troops themselves may be.

Recruit Feels Suffocated.

Although the latest type of gas mask is more comfortable to wear than the one used in the war, the young soldier, when introduced to it, feels that he is being suffocated. But the inconvenience soon disappears. The difficulty in breathing is due only to inexperience, coupled with the thought that his supply of air must necessarily be restricted. With the disappearance of the initial discomfort in breathing comes the relief from the knowledge of the protection which is afforded in a contaminated area.

The wearing of the mask is now ordered for both day and night exercises, and competitions for masked men are arranged. The commanding officer of a unit told me that he successfully removed the objection to the gas mask among his men by arranging masked football matches.

But the War Office is not enamoured of the gas weapon, and, in accordance with international agreement entered into by the Government and the Governments of the self-governing Dominions and India, the British Government will, on the outbreak of war, endeavour, in conjunction with its Allies, to obtain from the enemy Government or Governments an engagement that poisonous gas shall not be used as a weapon of war. In the event of failure to obtain an engagement of that character, H.M. Government will be free to take such action as circumstances demand. (London Morning Post.)

board King Edward's Britannia at Cowes, with King Edward and Queen Alexandra, she writes: "We ate shrimps and laughed and did what we liked."

ROUND THE CINEMAS

PLEASANT COMEDY AT THE KING'S.

"ALONG CAME YOUTH."

"Along Came Youth," the pleasant little comedy now showing in the King's Theatre, owes a great deal of its success to the work of that eminent pair of comedians, William Austin and Stuart Erwin. One wonders what Paramount would do without them, although neither is rated as a "star." Austin has another "silly-ass" part of which he makes the most, and Erwin provides a lot of laughs with his study of the lugubrious Ambrose, one-time trainer for Larry Brooks (played by Charles Rogers). The story is on familiar lines, although the most is made of the situations that arise. Charles Rogers is breathlessly youthful in the leading role—almost aggressively so, at times—but he has a good appearance, and an infectious smile, which go a long way in this kind of film.

Frances Dee is a discovery. Her playing is natural, and she has been at some pains, apparently, to cultivate the "English" voice for the occasion. For the most part she is successful. Another good "bit" is played by Lee White as a South American financier.

The film is the more acceptable because of its clarity, both of sound and photography. Our ears are by now becoming accustomed to the trans-Atlantic twang, and there are no strenuous objections to it, so long as what is being said can be heard properly. This is not always the case, there being a growing tendency, it seems, on the part of some talkie stars to indulge in semi-audible "asides."

An interesting news reel precedes the main feature, together with Marion Harris (now playing in London Cabaret) in a rather inconclusive song scene.

"PART TIME WIFE."

Humour and romance are equally divided to make good entertainment in the talkie film, "Part Time Wife," which is having its final run at the Majestic Theatre to-day.

Edmund Lowe of "Cockeyed World" fame, and Lella Hyams, who played in "The Girl Said No" and "Thirteenth Chair," head an admirable cast of players. Lowe is seen in the role of a business man with a terribly bad temper, whilst Lella Hyams is depicted as the wife who is an amateur champion golfer. The all-suspicious husband causes his wife to leave the home, after numerous petty quarrels.

Deserving of special mention in the supporting cast is Tommy Clifford, the juvenile actor, who enacts the part of a caddy at the links most capably. Walter McGrath gives the picture a touch-up with the necessary villainy.

"Part Time Wife" is really worth seeing. Recommended.

"SHOW OF SHOWS."

The biggest production of its kind ever offered to the public such is Warner Brothers' "Show of Shows," the Vitaphone musical extravaganza in technicolor, which is showing at the Queen's Theatre. Scores upon scores of outstanding stars of stage and screen contribute to this elaborate revue. Some five hundred persons appear in various numbers.

A few of those in the imposing list of stars are John Barrymore, Frank Fay, Dolores Costello, Monte Blue, Beatrice Lillie, Winnie Lightner, Georges Carpentier, Tod Lewis, Irene Bordoni, Marian Nixon, Myrna Loy, Sally O'Neill, Alice White, Noah Beery, Grant Withers, Ella Lee, Patzy Ruth Miller, Alice Day, Ben Turpin, Lloyd Hamilton, Lupino Lane, Bert Roach, Leon Moran, Helene Conklin, H. B. Warner and Bull Montana.

Direction was shared by John Adolfi, Larry Coballos, and Jack Haskell, under the supervision of Darryle F. Zanuck.

"THE SKY HAWK."

Fashionable London in action—a café glittering with uniforms and brilliant gowns—the forced, hectic safety of Piccadilly—the sinister wall of the Maron, the air that warns siren—but to the streets—crowds rushing in terror through the darkness—the waverling pencils of searchlights—feeling through the clouds—the distant crack of shrapnel and the on-coming roar of Zeppelin bombs and crashing buildings—such is the beginning of one of the most spectacular scenes in "The Sky Hawk," Fox Movietone all-talking picture, now showing at the World Theatre.

The noted John Garrick, Helen Chandler and Gilbert Emery head the cast of stage and screen celebrities, which includes Joyce Compton, Billy Bevan, Lennox

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social.
June 13—Hotel Cecil, Special engagement, of Prof. A. Barna, world-renowned cymbalist, at dinner dance.

Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre; "Along Came Youth."
To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Show of Shows."
To-day—Central Theatre; "The Broadway Hoofers."
To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Part-time Wife."
To-day—World Theatre; "The Sky Hawk."
To-day—Star Theatre; "Arizona Kid."

Meetings.
To-day—Sanitary Board, 4.15 p.m.

June 15—Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel.
June 17—Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Exchange Building.

June 17—Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardines, noon.

Home Mails.
To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Porthos).

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Sarpedon), 10.30 a.m.; for Europe via Siberia (President Wilson), 6 p.m.

Lammerts Auction.
June 17—13—Metropole Hotel furniture, 22, Ice House Street, 10.30 a.m.

Sports.
See Sports Diary on Page 9.

FAMOUS "HEAD" DIES AT 94.

Canon J. M. Wilson, Of Clifton College.

Canon James Maurice Wilson, headmaster of Clifton College from 1879-90 and for twenty years science and mathematical master at Rugby, died in jail week at his home near Petersfield, Hampshire, aged ninety-four.

In spite of his age he was extraordinarily active and attended the recent reunion of visitors to the 1851 exhibition, who gathered at the Persian Art Exhibition. His son, Mr. Arnold Wilson, was chairman of the exhibition.

Canon Wilson was the oldest of the veterans present, and made a speech of thanks on their behalf.

He was Canon of Worcester until he was ninety, an office he had held for more than twenty years. Before going to Worcester he was Archdeacon of Manchester from 1890 until 1905.

His eleven years as headmaster of Clifton College preceded this. Among his pupils at Clifton was Mr. J. H. Whitley, former Speaker of the House of Commons.

Last year he attended the centenary celebrations in London of the Manx poet Thomas Brown, and without any prompting dramatically recited 1,000 lines of "Betsy Lee."

He was a distinguished mathematician, and was president of the Mathematical Association in 1921. His many publications include volumes on geometry, pastoral theology, and collections of his sermons and lectures. It is stated that during King Edward's reign he refused more than one bishopric.

Building activities in Montreal for the first quarter of 1931 make a favourable showing with an increase of a million dollars as compared with the corresponding period of last year, according to the figures of the chief building inspector, The total for January, February and March, 1931, both as regards new work and repairs and alterations to buildings, amounts to \$5,077,573, while the total for the same period of last year was \$4,017,485.

Pawle, Lumsden Hare, Daphne Pollard and Percy Challenger.

John G. Blystone, who has given the screen such hits as "Mother Knows Best," "Through Different Eyes," and 44 other productions for Film directed.

"LOTTERY BRIDE."

Carroll Nye's reputation for dramatic roles on the talking screen is given another boost by his work in "Lottery Bride," Arthur Hammerstein's first spectacular musical feature for the screen, coming to the Queen's Theatre.

Nye augments a cast of principals that includes Jeanette MacDonald, John Garrick, Robert Chisholm, Joe E. Brown, Joseph Macaulay, Zasu Pitts, and other famous on stage and screen. "Lottery Bride" is an original story by Herbert Stothart and has a Jewish musical score, composed by Rudolf Friml, king of American light opera. It is a United Artists picture.

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Hong Kong, June 8, 1931.

WATER RETURN. ALL RESERVOIRS BELOW OVERFLOW.

The level and storage of water in the reservoirs on June 1, 1931, were as under:—

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tyiam	23' 7" B	25' 8" B
Tyiam Bywash	21' 5" B	24' 4" B
Tyiam Intermediate 43' 0" B	8' 8" B	8' 8" B
Tyiam Tuk	62' 2" B	38' 8" B
Wong Nei Chung	27' 5" B	17' 5" B
Pokfulam	21' 11" B	21' 11" B
(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow".)		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	1930	1931
Tyiam	214.50	200.74
Tyiam Bywash	1.99	.98
Tyiam Intermediate	32.98	150.34
Tyiam Tuk	320.16	727.68
Wong Nei Chung	5.36	11.84
Pokfulam	29.85	46.68
Total	595.84	1,138.10

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions, and decimals of gallons during the month of May.

	1930	1931
Consumption	228,103	341,627
Estimated population 442,880	410,650	410,650
Consumption per head per day	20.4	26.8
* Includes 95.07 million gallons from Mainland.		
* Includes 95.03 million gallons from Mainland.		
May, 1930.—From May 1 to 31, a 12 hours supply (8 a.m.—5 p.m.) was given to all Hiller Main Districts (Principal Mains closed 6 p.m.—8 a.m.) with the exception of the area North of Queen's Road between Murray Road and Eastern Street where a constant supply was maintained during the whole month.		
May, 1931.—Constant supply throughout the City, Hill and High Level Districts during the whole month.		

Kowloon. 1930 1931

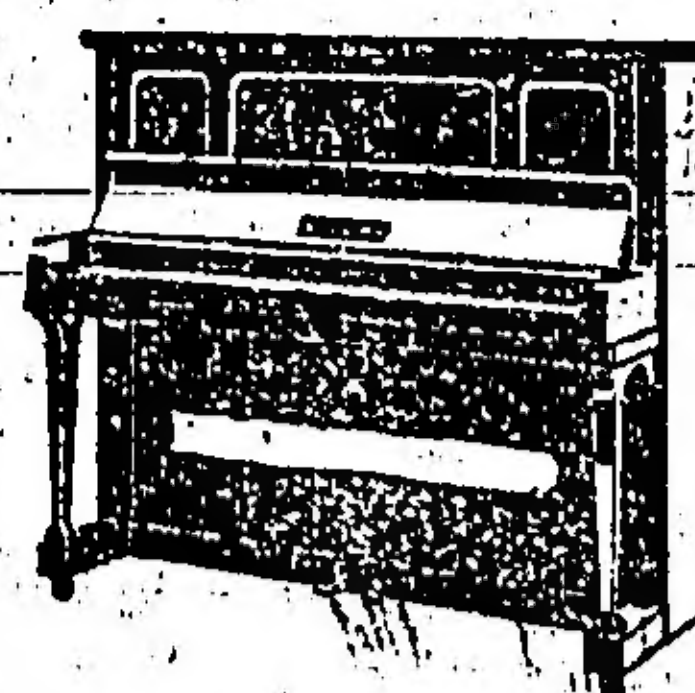
Kowloon Reservoir	10' 6" B	11' 9" B
Shau Kei Kai	10' 11" B	10' 11" B
Reservoir	8' 11" B	8' 11" B
Reception Reservoir 10' 1" B	1' 7" B	1' 7" B
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Kowloon Reservoir	1930	1931
Shau Kei Kai	202.96	241.10
Shau Kei Kai	82.69	110.10
Reception Reservoir	9.45	28.97
Total	295.10	390.17

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of May.

	1930	1931
Consumption	134.68	159.45
Estimated population 175,980	206,150	206,150
Consumption per head per day	24.7	18.0
* Constant supply in all districts during May, 1930 and 1931.		
* The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.		
Total rainfall: May 31, 1930, 18.17; May 31, 1931, 24.25.		

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE REVIEW.

Close Finish Between
Police & Kowloon Dock.
ONLY ONE MATCH.

[By "Short Head."]

It was unfortunate that rain spoiled the Lawn Bowls League programme on Saturday as a fine series of matches promised to increase interest and decide which of the two leaders would drop their first points.

It was not surprising to find that the Police green at the Valley was declared playable. This must be the third or fourth year in succession in which all games have been "off" on one Saturday excepting that on the Police green.

It was predicted in this column on Friday that the match would be a thrilling one, with little to choose between the Police and the Kowloon Dock at the finish. And so it proved to be. The Dock won by only four points!

Progress of the Match.
The following shows the various interesting stages of the match:—

P.R.C.	K.D.R.C.
5th head ... 11	11
10th head ... 30	19
15th head ... 40	39
18th head ... 44	51
19th head ... 49	51
20th head ... 51	53
21st head ... 53	57

On the first rink 'Mair's' rink were drawn against Lapsley's, the latter leading by 7-4 at the sixth head. At the 12th head the scores were level (10 all). At the seventeenth head Lapsley's men led again by 14-13, but Mair's rink scored on the last four heads and won by 19-14. The winners had one 4 and one 3. The losers' total comprised four 2's and six singles.

A Good Recovery.
West's four were pitted against Panchon's four, the latter leading by 4-2 at the fifth head. West's rink monopolised the next six heads and led by 15-4. The score was taken to 16-7 at the 13th head, but the visitors notched a 6. The home rink thereafter got only a 2 and a couple of singles and the Dock boys forced the game to a draw—20 all. The home rink had three 3's (in succession), whilst the Dock had one 6 and a couple of 3's.

Cullen's team met Oram's team, and the first 11 heads saw remarkably low scoring, the figures being 7-7. A 3 for the Police was followed by 3, 1, 4, 2 for the Dock, the latter then leading by 17-10. The Police got only a couple of 2's thereafter and lost by 23-14, a 4 on the last head giving the Dock a clear win of four points for the Club as a whole. The highest score for the Police was a 3, whilst the Dock had a couple of 4's and a 3.

SKIPS' RECORDS.

Division I.	P.	W.	D.	L.
W. Russell, K.B.G.C.	4	4	0	0
A. E. Silstone, K.C.C.	4	3	1	0
U. M. Omar, C.C.C.	4	3	0	1
F. Cullen, K.D.	4	3	0	1
J. Gibson, K.C.C.	3	2	0	0
E. el Arcuili, K.C.C.	3	2	0	1
A. H. Lay, K.C.C.	3	1	0	2
R. Luz, C. de R.	4	3	0	1
J. C. West, P.R.C.	5	2	1	2
C. S. Rosset, C.C.C.	2	2	0	0
Rumjahn, C.C.C.	2	2	0	0
R. Basa, C.C.C.	2	2	0	0
Gregory, C.C.C.	4	2	0	2
C. Brown, K.D.	4	2	0	2
J. Ferguson, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
N. Drummond, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
R. Wallace, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
W. Mair, P.R.C.	3	2	0	1
J. Fraser, K.C.C.	3	2	0	1
C. E. Marquis, C. de R.	3	2	0	1
J. Hollidge, C.S.C.C.	3	1	0	2
D. Warren, K.B.G.C.	3	1	0	2
A. O. Brown, C.S.C.C.	4	1	0	3
L. Guy, K.B.G.C.	4	1	0	3
C. Silva, C. de R.	4	1	0	3
R. Lapsley, K.D.	5	1	0	4
A. Holland, C.S.C.C.	3	0	1	0
L. A. Gutierrez, C. de R.	1	0	1	0
A. J. Johnson, P.R.C.	3	0	1	2
J. Panchon, K.D.	1	0	1	1
R. Hall, K.B.G.C.	1	0	0	1
J. G. Lyal, K.C.C.	1	0	0	1
J. Oram, P.R.C.	2	0	0	2
F. Booker, P.R.C.	2	0	0	2

Division II.

W. Drake, K.B.G.C.	4	4	0	0
A. Shields, Y.C.	4	4	0	0
A. Davidson, K.B.G.C.	3	3	0	0
J. Orazio, C. de R.	4	3	0	1
J. Robinson, K.C.C.	4	3	0	1
H. Alves, C. de R.	2	2	0	0
A. de Souza, C.C.C.	4	2	1	1
W. Macfarlane, Y.C.	4	2	1	1
H. E. Strang, C.S.C.C.	3	2	0	1
W. Bickford, C.S.C.C.	3	2	0	1
T. Grimes, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
J. Jack, K.C.C.	4	2	0	2
V. Leppin, K.C.C.	4	2	0	2
R. Duncan, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
F. Silva, C. de R.	4	2	0	2
D. Munro, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
F. V. Ribeira, C. de R.	1	1	0	0
P. Ramsey, Y.C.	1	1	0	0
W. Gill, C.C.C.	1	1	0	0
J. P. Lunny, E.R.C.	2	1	0	1
J. Shelleher, Y.C.	2	1	0	1
W. Hollands, C.S.C.C.	4	1	1	2
V. Petherick, K.B.G.C.	3	1	1	1

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S REVENGE.

WORCESTER DEFEATED.
Parker Again Captures
Ten Wickets.

HAMMOND'S CENTURY.

London, Yesterday.
On the Wagon Works ground at Gloucester to-day Worcestershire lost to Gloucestershire by an innings and 71 runs after two days' play. On June 2 Worcestershire surprised their many supporters by defeating Gloucestershire by 101 runs at Stourbridge, but their crushing defeat to-day was only to be expected from the hands of a team which was still smarting under its recent defeat.

Worcester took first use of the wicket and totalled 103, Parker claiming half the wickets for 44 runs. Gloucestershire, thanks to a good partnership between Hammond (100) and Neale (96), were able to declare when 150 runs ahead. Worcester's second innings was a debacle, Parker (5 for 39) and Goddard (4 for 29) dismissing the side for 79 runs.

Full results as cabled by Reuters are as follow:—

Gloucestershire beat Worcestershire by an innings and 71 runs on the Wagon Works ground, Gloucester.

Scores:—
Worcester: 103 (Parker 5 for 44); 79 (Parker 5 for 39, Goddard 4 for 29).
Gloucester: 253 for 6 dec. (Hammond 100, Neale 96).

GREAT BRITAIN NOT COMPETING.

European Swimming Championships.

UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATION.

London, June 2.
Great Britain will not take part in the European swimming championships to be held in Paris between August 23 and 30, according to the Amateur Swimming Association committee. The French association told the British committee that they were prepared to pay only the expenses of five women swimmers and a limited number of officials.

Amateur swimming officials believe that Britain could not adequately be represented by such a team.

Although there will be no official British representatives at the European swimming championships, British swimmers will take part in a number of international water contests.

A British water polo team will meet a German team on July 18 and 19, probably at Hamburg and Bremen. The water polo match between Britain and France is scheduled for October 17 and will take place in London with Dr. M. Nussbaum, Germany, as referee.

The inter-country speed swimming contest between England, Scotland and Wales will be held on September 5 at Rhyl and the national breast-stroke championship will take place seven days later. The Ireland-Scotland water polo match will probably be played on August 8 or 15 at a venue to be fixed by Ireland-United Press.

WATER POLO.

C.A.A. DEFEAT CHINESE BATHING CLUB.

At the V.R.C. last night the Chinese Athletic Association beat the Chinese Bathing Club by four goals to nil in the Senior Division.

In the Junior Division the Kowloon "A" beat the Royal Signals by seven goals to nil.

GOLF.

JUNE CAPTAIN'S CUP CORRECTION.

We have been notified by the Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club that J. E. Richardson with a score of 86-18=104 qualified, and not E. J. Munro as already officially stated.

	P	W	D	L
C. Spink, C.C.C.	1	0	0	1
J. Deakin, C.S.C.C.	1	0	0	1
L. Luck, C.S.C.C.	1	0	0	1
W. V. Field, C.C.C.	1	0	0	1
M. O'Brien, C.C.C.	1	0	0	1
H. H. Ross, K.B.G.C.	1	0	0	1
F. L. Bayley, K.B.G.C.	1	0	0	1
F. X. Soares, C. de R.	1	0	0	1
A. Chapman, Y.C.	1	0	0	1
A. Paul, E.R.C.	2	0	0	2
H. Pearce, C.C.C.	4	0	0	4
A. Webster, E.R.C.	4	0	0	4
W. Munkit, E.R.C.	4	0	0	4

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GOLFERS OF TO-DAY
ARE THE BEST.Lady Golf Professional
Gives Opinion

POSITION OF FEET.

Cleveland, June 2.—Although thousands of women are addicts of golf, women golf instructors remain a rarity.

One of the exceptions is Mrs. George Harrison, a grey-haired Cleveland woman who has been teaching the game for 19 years.

In addition to being assistant professional at the Shaker Heights Country club here, she has her own golf school in a skyscraper where she teaches the intricacies of putting and driving to large numbers of men and women.

Mrs. Harrison says golf has changed only a little in her years as a professional. However, "today's champions are better than those of several years ago, and the general run of golfers is improving."

Bobby Jones is Mrs. Harrison's ideal as the perfect golfer and her endeavour is to teach her pupils the Jones style of swing.

Stance has to vary a bit, she admits, according to the build of the player. Jones, for example, is short and stocky, and therefore keeps his feet close together. Jim Barnes, who is tall, keeps his feet wide apart. Yet their style of swing is almost identical.—Associated Press.

BRADMAN'S SMILE
IS GONE.Fame to Be Lost
Through Worry?

CARES OF BUSINESS.

Is Don Bradman to slip off his cricket pedestal? Are the celebrations and business worries that followed his triumphant return home from Britain getting him down? asks a Sydney correspondent writing in the Sunday Chronicle.

The greatest batting machine the world has seen has been "losing punch, and was sad, sick and sorry when in the final Test against the West Indies he heard the rattle of his wicket and realised he was out for a "duck" the second of his career.

Ever since he got back here from Britain Don has been surrounded by business worries. He holds an important job with a firm of sports outfitters, flies round in "The Red Peril"—the car presented to him at Sydney Town Hall by an American combine—attends luncheons and dinners, writes newspaper articles, and receives presentations.

A tramp asked him to autograph his shirt cuff the other day, as he hadn't any paper and "never sent a shirt to the wash."

A sound judge of cricket asked Learie Constantine, the Nelson professional, whether he considered Bradman the greatest run-getter in the world.

"He was," replied the West Indies all-rounder.

Previous to the British tour Don was never seen in the field or the street without a smile. To-day he wears a worried look, and in a cub match recently he batted seventh wickets down "for health reasons."

Friends of his agree that Don has tried to do too much during the past 12 months, and that, unless he winters quietly, he will be burnt out by the time British team visits these shores.

The above has to be taken with a pinch of salt; comments a Ceylon Observer writer who adds: I have had a letter from Don Bradman from Queensland by a recent Australian mail and he tells me he has had a very enjoyable holiday confined with some cricket thrown in and is looking forward to the next cricket season. He said he was feeling a bit tired after three continuous seasons of cricket, but otherwise was as fit as ever and that the trip to Queensland had braced him up a lot.

H.M.S. BERWICK
SCRAPPERS.Do Well in Kobe.
Bouts.

LAKE GAINS DECISION.

News of the success of the boxing squad of H.M.S. Berwick which is at present in Kobe has just been received in the form of a letter from an enthusiastic reader of the Shanghai Times to the sports editor. On the arrival of Berwick in that port, Japanese boxing promoters immediately got busy and arranged

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

WATER POLO—To-morrow—Division I—V.R.C. v. Chinese Bathing Club, 6 p.m.; Division II—Royal Artillery v. Kowloon "B", 6.30 p.m.

Friday—Division I—Royal Navy v. Borderers 6 p.m. Division II—Royal Artillery v. University 6.30 p.m.

FOOTBALL—To-day—H.K. Football Association Council Meeting 5.30 p.m.

LAWN TENNIS—To-morrow—

"B" Division—

K.C.C. v. R.C.C.

A.T.C. v. H.K.C.C.

C.S.C.C. v. University.

South China v. C.R.C.

C.C.C. v. U.S.R.C.

"C" Division—

R.C.C. v. Y.M.C.A.

R.S.C. v. H.K.C.C.

R.C.C. v. University.

K.C.C. v. Deutscher Club.

I.R.C. v. South China.

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Oslo 18.16 1/2
Vienna 34.62 1/2
Prague 164 1/4
Helsingfors 183 1/2
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card was another six-round bout between Seaman Jock Begbie and Morita, a promising Japanese leatherpusher. The British sailor was all over his man and had little difficulty in knocking him out in the fifth canto. Then Tel Shetigue, who at one time was billed to meet Young Gonzalo here was awarded the decision over Hawamata. Joe Sacramento refereed this bout while Mr. W. S. Noble officiated at the Navy matches. Perhaps the liveliest fight of the evening was that between Stoker Donkey and Kunal of Kobe. Donkey, chased Kunal all round the ring until the match had all the semblance of a marathon run. But there was a surprising end. The Japanese got in a chance swing that took the bluejacket full on the chin and he was counted out in the fourth round. On the whole the card was a most successful one and the Berwick lads were given a great reception by Kobe fight fans.

Sad Fatality.
A dark cloud hung over the H.M.S. Berwick and Stormcloud crews two Sundays ago when Able Seaman Morgan died from injuries sustained in a football match between the two cruisers. It appears that Morgan was unavoidably sandwiched between two players in the game and had to be carried off the field. He regained consciousness later and for a time appeared to be all right. Later it was disclosed that he had undergone an operation from which he succumbed. Morgan was prominent in navy football in Hong Kong. He played right wing for the Navy "B" team which won the Hong Kong Junior Shield last season.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

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Bank of Asia	\$...	121	...	Dec.	...	Feb. 23, 31
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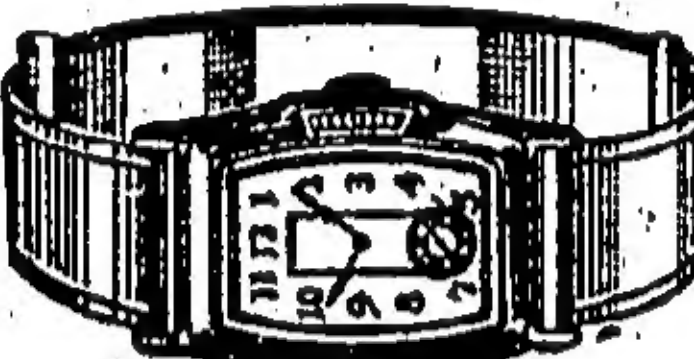
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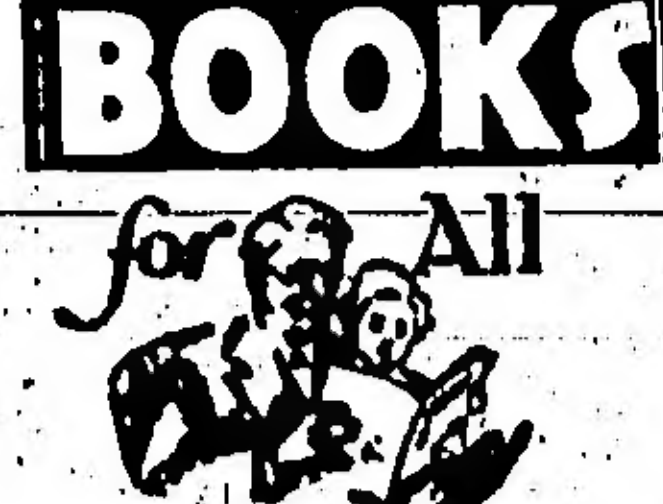
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TALES OF A CITY UNDER-SHERIFF.

When the Judge Asked
for Hot Brandy.

LONDON MEMORIES.

Mr. T. Howard Deighton has
filled the office of Under-Sheriff
of the City of London twelve
times, and will probably do so
again next year.

"I had to take a rest this
year," he told me, "as there has
been such a rush of business
lately." He is still, at the age
of sixty-five, an extremely busy
solicitor, and not many men of
his age have such a fund of
humour and vitality.

It was in a West End club
that we were lunching, and with
us was Mr. T. Lewis Sayer, who
recently retired after forty-nine
years' service at the Mansion
House. Mr. Deighton figured
largely in his recent book of City
remembrances, "Gog and Magog
and I," and the conversation was
naturally of the "Do you remem-
ber..." variety, with myself
silent and all ears.

Ceremony of the Black Cap.

"I can just remember," said
Mr. Deighton, "though I was five
years old at the time, the excite-
ment caused by the last public
hanging in London. Five Fenians
tried to release some fellow con-
spirators by blowing in the gates
of Clerkenwell Prison, and the
explosion killed some passers-by.
The murderers were hanged out-
side the prison, and I saw about
three years ago in The Evening
News that a poor blind fellow
peddling bootlaces, or something
of the sort, in Holborn had turned
out to be one of the people in-
jured in the explosion. Of course,
he was only a little boy at the
time, and the poor little chap had
his sight destroyed."

"There is a very wrong impres-
sion in most people's minds," he
went on, "in connection with
the death sentence. The com-
mon idea is that a judge puts on
the black cap, which is merely a
triangular piece of black cloth,
only on the occasion of a death
sentence. They seem to think it's
a sort of judicial mourning. No-
thing of the kind. When the
Lord Mayor is sworn in on
November 9, all the Judges, of
the Lord Chief Justice's Court
were the black cap — and the

Lord Mayor doesn't swing! No,
the black cap is merely part of
the judge's ceremonial dress, and
as sentencing a man to death is
a most solemn occasion, he must
be in full ceremonial dress."

Mr. Deighton then told me a
story of Mr. Justice Hawkins,
who sentenced Alice Rhodes to
death for murder in the Penge
case. She was reprieved. Years
later, the judge went to Lewes
for the Assizes and as the night
of his arrival was very cold, he
entered the station buffet and
ordered a brandy and hot water.
A woman served him and when
he saw her face, he said, "Surely
your face is familiar to me."
"So it ought to be," said she.
"You sentenced me to death."

Mistaking "F.E." for a
Commissionaire.

"There is one thing about the
death sentence which puzzles me,"
said Mr. Sayer. "How do you
always manage to produce a
chaplain at an instant's notice to
stand behind the judge's chair?
One never sees a chaplain in the
precincts of the court during the
jury's deliberations."

"He's there, all the same,"
said Mr. Deighton. "But he
comes in plain clothes. As soon
as the jury have decided on the
case, the foreman tells the usher;
and if the verdict is guilty, the
usher tells the Under-Sheriffs,
who hurries off to find the chap-
lain and tells him to put on his
robes."

Talk turned to the various
eminent counsel of the past
twenty or thirty years, and Mr.
Deighton gave it as his opinion
that the two greatest were Sir
Edward Marshall Hall for the de-
fence and Sir Richard Muir for
the prosecution. "But the
late Lord Birkenhead was
perhaps the most brilliant of all,"
he added, "and the most charm-
ing and unconventional in private
life."

"After a dinner some two years
ago—I was leaving the Cecil by
the Embankment exit, which
was rather dark. Seeing a sta-
tionary figure, I said, 'Call me a
taxi,' please — thinking, of
course, that I was address-
ing a commissionaire. 'Certainly,
Mister Under-sheriff,' answered
a voice I knew only too well,
'though I fear I shall receive no
emolument from the hotel.' Lord
Birkenhead!"

"That 'Gloomy Old Bloke'!"
"Another time I was showing
some country cousins round the
Houses of Parliament, and we
were admiring the statue of
Cromwell outside the House of
Commons when I felt a whack
between the shoulder-blades. As I

turned round indignantly, I
heard, 'Well, Mr. Under-Sheriff,
and what are you doing out of
your City?' It was Lord Birken-
head again, the Lord Chancellor.
And when I told him what I was
doing, he insisted on us all going
to tea with him."

A thought of Wilfrid Shadbolt,
the jailer in "The Yeomen of the
Guard" passed through my mind
when Mr. Deighton told me these
two yarns:

"I visited in his cell a man who
had been condemned for murder-
ing a Canadian soldier. He was
tucking in at steak and onions—
condemned men are given pretty
well what they want during the
three weeks before their execu-
tion—and I said to him, 'Well
Jones, is there anything I can do
for you?'"

"'Blimey, guv'nor,' he said, 'if
I'm going to get grub like this all
along till they string me up, it's
a bit of all right!'"

"There are plenty more as call-
ous as that," Mr. Deighton con-
cluded. "Perhaps this is rather
an old story, but you may not
have heard it. A very deaf pris-
oner was being sentenced to
death, and as the judge put on
the black cap, he leant over the
front of the box and with his
hand to his ear said in the pen-
etrating voice of the deaf: 'What's
the old bloke saying?'"

"'H'sh!' said the usher in
shocked tones, 'His Lordship is
sentencing you to death!'"

"The prisoner glanced again at
the judge and remarked, 'Gloomy
old bloke, ain't he?'—Mr. D. in
Evening News.

AFTERNOON TRANSMISSION.

The French private radio stations
have often to cope with financial
difficulties. Their revenue consists
chiefly of payments for radio trans-
missions, and these payments have
proved insufficient for defraying the
expenses of good programmes. It
is for this reason that many of the
stations, such as Radio-Toulouse,
have to limit their programmes
almost entirely to transmissions of
gramophone records. Radio-
Paris is one of the few French
private stations which frequently
broadcast good programmes. Here,
too, the shortage of money has
resulted in a decision to discontinue
all afternoon transmissions. Plans
exist, however, in France to re-
organise broadcasting entirely and
to give the French broadcasting
organisation a more coherent form.

SINGER'S LOSS.

\$3,000 JEWEL AND FUR
ROBBERY.

Jewellery and furs worth nearly
\$3,000 were stolen from the flat of
Mr. Clarence Johnstone, the famous
music-hall artiste, of Layton and
Johnstone, in mail week.

The flat, which is on the first
floor at Castellan Mansions, Maids
Vale, had been left by Mr. and Mrs.
Johnstone during the evening.

The burglars forced the kitchen
window and then, apparently, went
to the front door, where they put on
the chain.

They then went into a bedroom,
where they forced open a wardrobe,
and the drawers of a dressing table.

Mrs. Johnstone told an Evening
News correspondent: "When my
husband and I returned, just after
midnight, we found the chain on
the front door. We tried for a
time to open the door, and finally
burst it open."

"My bedroom was in a state of
great disorder. The doors of the
wardrobe were open and the draw-
ers of the dressing table had been
opened and the contents strewn
about."

"My jewel-case, containing prac-
tically all my jewellery, and a fur
stole and a mink coat were missing.
The burglars had apparently not
gone into any other room."

Mr. Johnstone said that silver
used at a dinner party he had given
in the flat earlier in the evening
had not been touched.

"Nothing was heard of the bur-
glars by the occupants of adjoining
flats," he said. "My little dog,
which had been left in the flat, had
been doped, and is still far from
well. I sincerely hope they have
not given him a slow poison."

The stolen jewellery includes a
diamond ring, a platinum and dia-
mond wrist watch, a large single-
stone diamond pendant, a diamond
bracelet, a diamond and enamelled
vanity case, diamond earrings, dia-
mond links, platinum and diamond
studs.

Detectives who have searched the
flat have failed to discover any
finger-prints.

Over 1,600,000 pounds of salmon
were caught in the coastal waters
and rivers of the Province of
Quebec last year, or 615,000 pounds
more than in 1929. The Quebec
salmon is a great delicacy and finds
a ready market.

GAMBLING AWAY THE WAKING HOURS.

Card Playing Should
Be Checked.

SIAMESE PETITION.

Bangkok, May 13.
Ten residents of Bangkok
have submitted a petition to H.R.H.
the Regent asking him to check
the liberty allowed card players
to gamble away most of their
waking hours without thinking of
their health or their work. The
President of the Chinese Chamber
of Commerce is one of the signa-
tories. Under the new regulations
folk can play cards in their homes
from after noon till two o'clock
in the morning. This regulation or
permission has simply regularised
the playing of cards. Before it
was introduced, the Prince in his
palace and his family did play
cards without interruption on the
part of the police; a game of cards
was part of the recreations of high
society every day; likewise the
foreigner at his club could play to
his heart's content, but the ordi-
nary plain man or woman could not
have a little flutter without, if
caught, being hauled before the
police and the courts and heavily
fined. Now all can play certain
card games openly, and without in-
terference by the police.

Departures and Changes.

Mr. F. D'Arcy, sole partner in
the old established firm of Harry
A. Badman and Co., and Mr. A. C.
Moore of the Siam Commercial
Bank Ltd., have left for home by
the Dollar line, and Mr. H. E. M.
Martin, forest manager of the
Anglo-Siam Corporation Ltd., has
gone home via the Pacific. An-
other departure is Dr. C. Gayatti,
who after a residence of many
years and two previous attempts to
leave the country for good declares
this is really a final farewell. His
friends who want to see him off
frankly refused to believe his as-
sertion, and expect him back in
due course. He has been medical
adviser to the State Railways for
several years.

Changes continue in the com-
position of the foreign community.
Mr. P. A. MacDonnell of the Hong
Kong and Shanghai Bank, who has
been secretary of the Polo and Rid-
ing Club, is going on leave. He is a
keen rider and an enthusiastic cine
camera expert. Before saying
good-bye he is visiting the towns

in the interior, shooting scenes,
and is going home via South
Africa, as that seems off the
beaten route. His place is taken
in the bank by Mr. F. L. Haymes,
who comes from the London agency
with a reputation for cricket, and
at the Polo Club by Mr. F. L. Cave-
Penny of the A.P.C.

South-West Monsoon Breaks.

To the relief of everybody the
south-west monsoon seems to have
broken and the intense heat of the
hot dry season has passed. It must
not be assumed that the nationals
of the country are indifferent to
this hot weather; they suffer just
as much as those from colder
climes, and as many as can seek
to spend the sultry days by the
seaside. Hua Hin has this year
been on an average ten degrees
cooler than Bangkok. Just how
hot it has been may be instanced
by the temperatures recorded at
the northern capital Chienkmal.
From April 20, till May 3, the
lowest maximum temperature was
103 Fahr. On three out of the
fourteen days the temperature
went to 106, and on one to 108½.
All who could fled to the uplands
of the mountain which keeps
watch over the city, and five thou-
sand feet up amid the pines and
the oaks, they forgot the torrid-
ness of life in the plains below.

Fire Season Flourishes.

The fire season seems by no
means to have come to an end, and
that which took place in Bangkok
recently, dispossessed thou-
sands of the poorer class
from their homes, such as
they are, with the loss of their bits
of effects, and will cost the insur-
ance companies, both European
and Chinese, another pretty penny.
Over four hundred homes were
destroyed, and the majority of the
burnt-out property had only recent-
ly been erected. But buildings of
this type, built of soft woods, other
than teak, with corrugated iron
once they get alight, burn with in-
credible fierceness. The landlords
are practically all Siamese and the
rents of the destroyed shop houses
vary from Tcs. two to twenty a
month. In the week there were
also two more fires in the pro-
vinces, one in Pattani did damage
to the extent of Tcs. 150,000 odd,
and another at Tarua has wiped
out the market town of that name.
This is the jumping off point for
the thousands of pilgrims who
twice yearly visit the mountain
where Buddha is supposed to have
set the imprint of his foot in the
course of one of his pilgrimages.

A Racing Point.

The Sky meeting at the Sports
Club has passed off successfully,
only one afternoon of the three
being affected by rain. The meet-
ing brought to light a case for the
revision of the rules. The rules
provide that horses not intended to
be run in a race must be scratched
the evening prior to the races,
and if the declaration is not made,
and the horse not run, the owner
has to pay Tcs. 500. The horse in
question went lame, and somehow
or other the declaration at the
scratches was overlooked or
omitted. At the time of the race
the owner produced his animal, de-
clared him unfit but was not allowed
to scratch it on the course. The
unfortunate public knowing nothing
about the horse not being at
backed it on the tote, and rather
than a fine of Tcs. 500 the owner
let his horse canter round the
course a great distance behind the
field. On the course were several
officials of the local Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
Owners of lame horses running on
the streets are fined by the courts,
and people are asking if it is cruel
to run lame racing horses. The
Racing Association will take up
the other question as to the wisdom
of modifying the heavy fine attach-
ing to an accidental omission to
scratch. The public feel sore
about the incident as punters feel
they might have been told the
horse had no earthly chance and
was not fit before they started to
put their money on.

A Quiet May Day.

May Day passed off very quietly
throughout Siam; there were abso-
lutely no incidents, and indeed it
may be wondered whether to the
great majority of the
people, in his peaceful land,
the day conveyed anything.
Which it should be. The Siamese
have a pretty full
calendar of festivals of their own
which they observe with devotion
and happiness. The only one they
have adapted from a foreign calen-
dar, and which looks like continu-
ing to be more widely observed, is
Christmas. Even Chinese New
Year makes no appeal.—Singapore
Free Press.

Poultry keeping is on the increase
in Canada. The total number of
poultry on the farms in the Domini-
on at the end of last year was
estimated at 60,795,000, of which
56,247,000 were hens and chickens;
2,899,000 turkeys; 1,160,000 geese
and 989,000 ducks. The value of all
these birds is placed at \$54,852,000.
Two years ago the total number of
poultry was 53,779,000. Poultry
are successfully raised commercial-
ly in all of the provinces of Canada.
The principal centre of the industry
is the Province of Ontario.

RADIO TOPICS

THE BATTLE OF PROPAGANDA.

On the Air Every Night.

Radio in its all-conquering march throughout the world has brought many blessings, has linked up peoples and continents, has enabled music and culture of the cities to penetrate into the furthestmost corners of rural desolation, has been the means of broadcasting some great manifestations of peace and goodwill, has even become the vehicle for letting Catholics all the world over hear the voice of the Holy Father in Rome.

Which, to the majority of people concerned, is doubtless a very agreeable result. But radio is beginning here and there to have some unexpectedly awkward consequences. A few weeks ago the world's press resounded with denunciations of the disturbing activities of Russian stations. In some cases what was objected to was what one might call spiritual interference, that is, a kind of propaganda which was profoundly distasteful to the countries affected by it. In other cases the ground went up that the Soviet stations were purposely interfering with other people's emissions. This latter reproach was waved aside by the Russians who protested if anything of the kind had occurred it was entirely accidental. However, that may be, the trick is not a new one; it has been employed by other people before, and stations broadcasting German news have not been exempt from time to time from interference of this kind by emission posts abroad choosing just the precise instant of broadcasting to omit with superior local power either a national anthem repeated umpteen times or else some unintelligible code, farago.

Wage Radio War.

Now the source of trouble is on the Baltic. Lithuania and Poland are waging a radio war on their own. Hostilities have already been opened and if strong language may be reckoned as casualties, then to judge by the press of both countries, the casualties are truly devastating. Kovno has a broadcasting station, which not infrequently sends out stories which it, no doubt rightly, believes, to be agreeable to those inhabitants of Vilna who have remained faithful to the Lithuanian tradition. This Lithuanian propaganda was gradually increased in quantity and power and they have lately started giving it out in three languages, in Lithuanian, in White Russian and in Yiddish. Some of it is pretty blunt stuff: "open appeals to all and sundry in the neighbourhood to come and join the happy Lithuanian family under the glorious Lithuanian flag."

This has annoyed the Poles intensely. The Poles are constitutionally incapable of appreciating what benefits there may be under the Lithuanian flag. For them, Vilna inhabitants, Jews and White Russians are not to be thought of in these regions save under the Polish eagle. They started at first dishing out counter propaganda; but, whatever be the merits of Poles otherwise, their propaganda apparently did not seem very adroit to the populations concerned.

Poles' New Game.

So now the Poles have started a new game. They have erected in Vilna itself a station which will not only prevent anyone in or around the city hearing one word of what the Kovno experts are saying but will knock into a cocked hat anything else in the way of radio with in a radius of a hundred and fifty miles. Thus they annex to Poland so far as radio is concerned, large parts of Lithuania and appreciable sections of Soviet Russia as far as and including Minsk.

The Lithuanians are not throwing up the sponge. The semi-official Kovno newspaper Lietuvas Aidas has just published a flaming appeal to the cabinet to strengthen the Kovno station to such an extent that it shall drown the Vilna one! Meantime the Russians are not idle either, and a recent article in the "Izvestia" indicates that, as soon as they have got the time to spare from pushing the Five Years' Plan, the Soviet people will turn their attention to the Lithuanian and Polish air propagandists and

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

6-8 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

6-8 p.m.—Talkie Tunes. Show of Shows—Selection. Regal Cinema Orchestra, DX15. Rio Rita—Rio Rita—If You're in Love, You'll Waltz.

The Desert Song—Selection. Debby Somer's Band, 9200. 6-27-6-44 p.m.—Quartet in F Major (Beethoven Op. 135).

6-44-7-12 p.m.—Overtures. Tancred (Rossini arr. Duthoit). B.B.C. Wireless Military Band, The Halle Orchestra, DX155. Crown Diamonds (Auber).

The Bronze Horse (Auber). Sir Dan Godfrey conducting the Municipal Orch., DX77. Rosamunde (Schubert).

Sir Hamilton party conducting The Halle Orch., L1998. 7-12-8 p.m.—A Concert.

Octet—Albumblatt (Album Leaf). J. H. Squire Celeste Octet, DX20. Song—Sea Wreck (O'Neill & Hurty).

Muriel Brunskill (Contralto). 8-9 p.m.—Piano Solo—Old Vienna (Schubert—Friedman).

Ignaz Friedman, L2107. Vocal Octet—The Keys of Heaven (Arr. Elliot Burton).

Vocal Octet—Studies in Imitation (Arr. Hughes). Leon Male Voice Octet, DX30. Violin Solo—Slovak Dance in G Minor (Dvorak—Kreiser).

Violin Solo—Largo (Veracini). Joseph Szigeti, L2097. Song—O Vision Entangling from "Esmeralda" (Mazars & Thomas).

Song—My Dreams (Weatherly and Tosti). Tom Burke (Tenor), L1951. 8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

8-11-30 p.m.—Ko Shing Theatre Relay. 11-30 p.m.—Close Down.

as reprisals for the Vilna station, erect in Minsk a broadcasting station that will emit solid bolshevik propaganda at the rate of sixteen to the dozen in Russian, White Russian, Lithuanian, Yiddish and Polish, and with such power behind it that neither Lithuanians nor Poles will be able to get a whisper of their own in.

Announcements by Radio. So far German radio has been, so far as local broadcasting is concerned, fairly free from hostilities of the kind. But almost daily new uses are being found, or rather, are finding themselves, to which wireless may be put.

Thus the other night, Elisabeth Bergner, Germany's leading actress, who plays the lead in "Amphytrion" at the Theatre in der Stresemannstrasse, was seized with a chill about seven o'clock in the evening. That is, of course, an awkward, but a very favourite time for distinguished actors and actresses to be seized with a chill. Anyway she could not play, and neither threats nor cajolings on the part of the director could induce her to alter her decision.

Ordinarily the public would have streamed to the theatre expectantly, been confronted at the box office with a note that another play had put on; because Elisabeth Bergner was indisposed. Many of them would have gone away altogether, others would have remained unwillingly. All of them would have been in an exceedingly bad temper.

This is where the radio came in. The director had a flash of genius. Directors sometimes have. He telephoned to the Berlin radio station. Within a few minutes the station was broadcasting the announcement. The result was that of the hundreds who went to that theatre that evening, not more than a couple of dozen had been apprised of the change of programme. Consequence, good humour and smiles all round. Thanks to the radio.

Radio Prevents Poisoning. Another singular instance of the uses of wireless broadcasting may be cited, which also occurred in Berlin within the past few days. A woman went into a chemist's shop to buy some drug she had been ordered by the doctor. She paid her money over the counter, got her bottle and went serenely on her way. A few minutes later the chemist's assistant discovered he had made a fatal mistake; if the woman took what he had given her, she would probably be in extremis within an hour or two. He rushed out into the street. The woman had disappeared. He did not know her name or address. What to do? He rushed to the telephone and called up the broadcasting station. At a few minutes interval for the next half-hour, the announcement was made through the station. The woman on-going home turned on her radio, heard it, and had her life saved, thanks again to the radio—Trans-ocean Service.

21 RADIO BEACONS.

Chain Of Stations Throughout United States.

Washington, May 1.

A chain of 21 radio range beacon stations has been completed to guide pilots on a trans-continental airway between New York and San Francisco.

The aeronautics branch of the commerce department, which completed the chain with a beacon at Medicine Bow, Wyo., says this is the first airway of comparable length to have complete radio directional service.

Signals broadcast by the stations are heard by pilots wearing earphones under their helmets. Two code letters, A and N, are sent out with the signals merging in a long dash when the pilot is on his course. When he deviates from the route, one or the other of the letter-signals predominates, indicating by which side of his course he has strayed.

The trans-continental system is formed by beacons at Oakland, Alameda, and Summit, Calif.; Fernley and Elko, Nev.; Salt Lake City,

Utah; Knight, Rock Springs, Medicine Bow, and Cheyenne, Wyo.; Sidney, North Platte, York, and Omaha, Neb.; Des Moines, Ia.; Sterling and Chicago, Ill.; Goshen, Ind.; Cleveland, O.; Bellefonte Pa.; and New Brunswick, N. J.—Associated Press.

LARGEST RECEIVING STATION UNUSED.

The receiving station recently erected by the Department of Trade on Grand Island, Nebraska, for the supervision of all transmitting stations, has been put out of service, as it did not serve its purpose. The number of transmitting stations is daily increasing, and their proper supervision would necessitate the employment of an extensive staff and a large number of apparatus, involving excessive cost.

RECEPTION OF WARSAW.

From reports that have been received regarding the reception of the 160 kw transmitting station near Warsaw, it appears that this station is very well heard. Crystal reception in Poland is excellent, whilst British listeners are enthusiastic at the good quality of this transmitter and the absence of fading.

Only One Cure For Anaemia.

Anaemia, that insidious ailment which gives rise to so many subsidiary complaints, is one of the most prevalent and dangerous diseases of present day civilisation. Blood impoverishment, for that is anaemia, means that life and health is threatened at its very source. It has been well said that the condition of your blood is the condition of your health. Moreover, there is scarcely a disease or ailment of any kind which is not attributable to the depleted and impure condition of the blood supply. Physical weakness and emaciation, pallor and giddiness, debility and neurasthenia, dyspepsia, rheumatism and that class of ailments which afflict the female sex, are all traceable to blood impoverishment and can only be treated efficiently at their source—the blood stream.

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				Cts. Cts. Cts.			Cts. Cts. Cts.		
Butcher Meat.									
Beef Sirloin	牛尾	准	lb.	33	24	12			
" Prime Cut N.	牛	牛	"	30	28	11			
" Corned	咸肉	牛	"	—	28	12			
" Roast	咸肉	牛	"	33	24	22			
" Breast	咸肉	牛	"	30	20	18			
" Soup	牛	牛	"	27	20	18			
" Steak	牛	牛	"	33	24	22			
" Steak Sirloin	牛	牛	"	46	30	35			
" Sausages	牛	牛	"	36	26	20			
Bullock's Brains	牛	牛	per set	17	10	12			
" Tongue, fresh	牛	牛	each	75	50	60			
" Tongue, corned	牛	牛	"	—	60	—			
" Head	牛	牛	"	\$1.20	—	\$1.20			
" Heart	牛	牛	lb.	24	18	14			
" Hump, Salt	牛	牛	"	—	20	18			
" Feet	牛	牛	each	12	10	12			
" Kidneys	牛	牛	"	15	10	12			
" Tail	牛	牛	"	27	20	22			
" Liver	牛	牛	lb.	24	13	14			
" Tripe	牛	牛	"	8	6	7			
Calves' Head & Feet	牛	牛	set	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00			
Mutton Chop	羊	羊	lb.	44	26	—			
" Leg	羊	羊	"	44	26	—			
" Shoulder	羊	羊	"	40	24	—			
" Saddle	羊	羊	"	44	—	—			
Pigs' Chittlings	猪	猪	Per set	3	—	—			
" Brains	猪	猪	lb.	10	15	—			
" Feet	猪	猪	"	28	15	18			
" Fry	猪	猪	"	18	20	—			
" Head	猪	猪	each	15	10	10			
" Heart	猪	猪	"	15	10	3			
" Kidneys	猪	猪	lb.	48	30	24			
" Liver	猪	猪	"	36	25	23			
Pork Chop	猪	猪	lb.	38	—	—			
" Leg	猪	猪	"	44	60	70			
" Loin	猪	猪	"	26	21	—			
" Fat or Lard	猪	猪	"	90	60	70			
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊	羊	per set	12	8	7			
" Heart	羊	羊	each	15	12	10			
" Kidneys	羊	羊	"	45	26	25			
" Liver	羊	羊	lb.	25	25	22			
Sucking Pigs, to order	猪	猪	"	80	20	18			
Suet, Beef	牛	牛	"	36	26	20			
" Mutton	羊	羊	"	22	20	20			
Veal	牛	牛	"	28	—	—			
" Sausages	牛	牛	"	82	—	—			
No. 1.									
Fish.									
Barbel	魚	魚	lb.	48	16	24			
Bream	魚	魚	"	30	20	16			
Canton Fresh Water	魚	魚	"	30	—	—			
" Fish	魚	魚	"	30	13	16			
Carp	魚	魚	"	36	16	27			
Catfish	魚	魚	"	34	12	9			
Codfish	魚	魚	"	42	16	17			
Crabs	魚	魚	lb.	24	23	26			
Cuttle Fish	魚	魚	"	26	18	27			
Dab	魚	魚	"	42	23	16			
Dace	魚	魚	"	21	10	—			
Dog Fish	魚	魚	"	38	10	8			
Eels, Conger	魚	魚	"	38	16	—			
" Fresh Water	魚	魚	"	42	10	8			
" Yellow	魚	魚	"	70	26	30			
Frogs	魚	魚	"	74	32	25			
Garoupa	魚	魚	"	28	40	30			
Gudgeon	魚	魚	"	28	22	18			
Herrings	魚	魚	"	32	13	23			
Halibut	魚	魚	"	34	18	15			
Labrus	魚	魚	"	68	32	13			
Loach	魚	魚	"	56	62	24			
Lobsters	魚	魚	"	35	32	21			
Mackerel	魚	魚	"	40	20	20			
Monk Fish	魚	魚	"	35	13	2			
Mullet	魚	魚	"	35	12	2			
Oysters	魚	魚	"	25	14	9			
Parrot Fish	魚	魚	"	26	30	15			
Perch	魚	魚	"	40	16	9			
Pike	魚	魚	"	42	36	29			
Plaice	魚	魚	"	30	36	45			
Pomfret, White	魚	魚	"	70	10	14			
Pomfret, Black	魚	魚	"	70	10	14			
Prawns	魚	魚	"	24	10	14			
Ray	魚	魚	"	24	13	18			
Rock Fish	魚	魚	"	82	22	10			
Roach	魚	魚	"	48	86	30			
Salmon	魚	魚	"	20	8	10			
Shark	魚	魚	"	20	10	10			
Skate	魚	魚	"	52	33	30			
Shrimps	魚	魚	"	42	28	28			
Snapper	魚	魚	"	35	22	28			
Soles	魚	魚	"	82	26	85			
Tench	魚	魚	"	88	12	12			
Turbot	魚	魚	"	1.15	40	—			
Turtles, small, fr. water	魚	魚	"	—	—	—			
Poultry.									
Chicken	雞	雞	lb.	60	30	31			
Capon, Small	雞	雞	"	60	28	30			
Capon, Large	雞	雞	"	45	22	21			
Duck	鴨	鴨	each	50	22	21			
Doves	鴿	鴿	per doz.	33	18	—			
Eggs, Hen (cooling)	雞	雞	"	36	25	20			
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	雞	雞	"	68	36	24			
Fowls, Canton	雞	雞	lb.	68	36	24			
Fowls, Hainan	雞	雞	"	40	24	24			
Geese	鴨	鴨	each	40	20	—			
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	鴿	lb.	75	—	—			
" Hallow	鴿	鴿	"	60	61	45			
Turkeys, Cook	火雞	火雞	lb.	75	—	—			
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	火雞	"	23	—	—			
Snipe	沙	沙	each	23	—	—			
Pheasant	山	山	pair	3.50	—	—			
Quail	山	山	each	45	—	—			
Partridges	山	山	"	—	—	—			
Fruits.									
Almonds	杏	仁	lb.	85	85	—			
Apples (California)	金山	蘋果	"	34	26	—			
Bananas (birds' eye)	蕉	山	"	12	4	—			
Carambola	楊	桃	"	—	12	—			
Coconuts	椰	子	each	14	10	10			
Lemons, China	檸檬	子	lb.	24	25	30			
Lemons (American)	金山	檸檬	each	13	8	—			
Lichess, Dried	荔枝	干	lb.	90	25	30			
Oranges (Canton)	新	會	"	34	—	—			
Oranges	橙	子	"	55	15	—			
Pears (Canton)	沙	梨	"	40	—	—			
Peanuts	花生	"	"	14	10	12			
Persimmons, Large	花	柿	"	—	12	—			
Plantain	大	蕉	"	5	8	—			
Pineapple, Siam	蓮	桃	each	20	12	6			
Walnuts	合	桃	lb.	34	—	16			
Grapes	香	提	"	90	—	—			
Vegetables, &c.									
Artichokes	菊	竹	each	14	—	2			
Beans, Sprout	豆	苗	lb.	5	—	7			
" Long	豆	苗	"	20	—	8			
Beet Root	紅	頭	"	10	—	—			
Bitter Squash	苦	瓜	"	10	24	—			
Brinjals, Green	青	瓜	"	6	5	8			
" Red	紅	瓜	"	6	5	8			
Cabbage, Chinese	紅	菜	"	10	—	—			
" (Shanghai)	紅	菜	"	18	12	—			
Cane Shoots, bunch	藤	菜	"	8	—	—			
Cauliflower (Large)	大	花	each	—	—	—			
" (Medium)	中	花	"	—	—	—			
" (Small)	細	花	"	—	6	8			
Carrots	金	菜	lb.	6	5	8			
Celery, Chinese	美	菜	"	18	10	8			
Chillies, Dried	辣	椒	"	14	25	5			
" Red	紅	椒	"	10	10	10			
" Green	青	椒	"	8	8	12			
Curry Stuff, English	香	菜	"	10	8	—			
Cucumbers	瓜	瓜	"	6	2	—			
Garlic	蒜	頭	"	8	6	6			
Ginger, Young	姜	老	"	10	7	—			
" Old	姜	老	"	8	20	—			
Horseradish, Shanghai	美	菜	"	40	8	4			
Indian Corn	粟	米	"	9	46	—			
Lettuces	生	菜	"	9	1	—			
Water Chestnuts	荸	菜	"	9	—	8			
" Mandarin	桂	菜	"	12	—	8			
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮	菜	"	60	—	8			
Okroes	葫	菜	"	1	10	—			
Onions, Bombay	洋	蔥	"	10	8	8			
" Green	生	蔥	"	6	4	6			
" Shanghai	生	蔥	"	15	60	8			
Parley	芹	菜	"	5	8	—			
Potato, Sweet	日	薯	"	4	3	—			
" Japanese	日	薯	"	4	3	—			
" American	日	薯	"	5	4	4			
Pumpkin	冬	瓜	"	7	—	—			
Radish	紅	菜	"	18	—	10			
Rhubarb (Fresh)	紅	菜	"	8	—	8			
Shallots	薑	菜	"	14	4	—			
Spinach	大	葉	"	5	7	—			
Tomatoes	番	茄	"	6	0	—			
Taro	芋	菜	"	8	16	—			
Turnips, Puati (Long)	西	菜	"	4	16	—			
Vegetable Marrow	西	菜	"	4	16	—			
Water Cress	水	菜	"	8	16	—			
Water Lily Root	水	菜	"	4	16	—			

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	Dress Circle	Upper Circle	Back Stalls	Front Stalls
2.30 p.m. Adults	\$1.10	55 cts.	55 cts.	35 cts.
Children	.55	30 cts.	30 cts.	20 cts.
5.10 p.m. Adults	\$1.40	80 cts.	80 cts.	45 cts.
Children	.70	40 cts.	40 cts.	30 cts.
7.15 p.m. Adults	\$1.40	80 cts.	80 cts.	45 cts.
Children	.70	40 cts.	40 cts.	30 cts.
9.20 p.m. Adults	\$1.50	80 cts.	80 cts.	45 cts.
Children	.75	40 cts.	40 cts.	30 cts.

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GERMAN DIPLOMATS RECEIVED BY KING.

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WARM RECEPTION.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The German statesmen, Dr. Brüning and Dr. Curtius, who during the week-end had conversations with the Prime Minister and other members of the British Government at The Chequers, had another full day to-day. This morning they were received in audience by the King. It is the first time since before the War that a member of the German Cabinet had been received at Buckingham Palace. Later they were guests at a luncheon of the British and German Society at which Lord Reading presided. This afternoon they attended a reception given in their honour at the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

In welcoming them Sir Neill Malcolm accepted their presence as an indication of the approval of the work of the Institute in stimulating the scientific study of International Affairs in the hope that it might contribute towards the removal of international misunderstandings and so promote the welfare of the world.

Economic Situation.
Dr. Brüning, replying, expressed warm appreciation of the work of the Institute. Referring to the friendly talks at the Chequers, he said that mutual co-operation between all countries concerned, to try and improve the existing economic situation was agreed upon and he was sure that the spirit of understanding would find a favourable echo in the public opinion of the world. He added he was glad of the opportunity for publicly expressing his thanks to the British statesmen for the warm reception given him and Dr. Curtius.

To-night the visitors will attend a dinner at the German Embassy at which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald will be the chief guest.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier News.
Rugby, Yesterday.
Doctor Brüning, the German Chancellor, and Doctor Curtius were entertained by H.M. the King at Buckingham Palace this morning.

After leaving the Palace they were entertained at luncheon by the Anglo-German Association, over which Lord Reading presided. This afternoon a reception has been arranged at the Royal Institute for International Affairs.

This evening there is to be a banquet at the German Embassy. The Ministers leave London tomorrow morning.—British Wireless Service.

BOYCOTTED CLOTH.

COMPANY FORMED TO
PURCHASE IT.

NO SHARES OFFERED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Questioned regarding the constitution and operations of the Agency Company registered in India for the purpose of buying and exporting stocks of boycotted cloth, Mr. Wedgwood Benn said that the Company was a public company. No shares had been offered for public subscription. The Company had not yet acquired any stocks for re-exportation. The list of Directors was circulated to members of Parliament.—British Wireless Service.

SWEEPSTAKE LAW. QUESTION TO BE DEBATED IN PARLIAMENT.

DESIRABLE OR NOT?

Rugby, Yesterday.
An early statement in Parliament on the subject of whether any amendment of the law relating to sweepstakes was necessary or desirable, which is receiving the careful consideration of the Government, was promised by the Home Secretary, Mr. J. R. Clynes, in replying to a question in the House of Commons.—British Wireless Service.

WORLD COURT.

TO CONSIDER GERMAN
CUSTOMS PACT.

ADVISORY OPINION.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Questioned regarding the decision of the League of Nations Council to refer to the Permanent Court of International Justice the question of the proposed Austro-German Customs Union Mr. Henderson stated that the advisory opinion of the Court would be available about the end of August in time for the next meeting of the League Council.—British Wireless Service.

EXTRALITY ISSUE.

NEGOTIATIONS REACH A
FURTHER STAGE.

STATEMENT PROMISED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, stated in reply to a question in the House of Commons that the negotiations in relation to extraterritoriality in China had reached a stage which enabled them to be reported to both Governments. He hoped shortly to be in a position to make a statement to the House.—British Wireless Service.

CHINESE POLITICS.

FIFTH PLENARY SESSION OF
THE C.E.C.

GREAT SIGNIFICANCE.

Nanking, Yesterday.
Great political significance is attached to a decision to hold the fifth plenary session of the Central Executive Committee on June 13, when changes in the personnel of the National Government are expected to be made. The plenary session of the C.E.C. is the highest authority in the country when the National Party Congress is not in session.

Nineteen members are necessary for a quorum, and twenty-two are at present here.—Rauter.

FOR GREENWICH.

NEW AND BIGGER REFLECTING
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Rugby, Yesterday.
The Royal Observatory at Greenwich is to have a new and bigger reflecting telescope, besides other important additions to its apparatus.

The new instrument will have a 86-inch reflector. The present one is of 80-inch size.

To meet its cost, with a spectroscopic and new 34-feet dome, Mr. William Yapp has contributed £15,000.—British Wireless Service.

PHONE INSTRUMENTS STOLEN.

2 Company Employees
Charged.

CASE REMANDED.

Ng Sau-ching, a storekeeper, and Tong Wai-kwan, a clerk, both employed by the H.K. Telephone Co., were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with the theft of 40 telephone instruments from the company's store in Cameron Road on June 7.

The value of the instruments is about \$1,000.

The case was remanded until Monday, when Mr. F. H. Loseby will appear for first accused, and Mr. M. A. da Silva for the second.

Ball of \$1,000 each was allowed.

THEFT OF WATCH.

EVIDENCE GIVEN BY
EUROPEAN.

ILLEGALLY PAWNED.

Two charges were preferred against Wu Chiu at the Kowloon Police Court, this morning, receiving a gold wrist watch, the property of Mr. D. C. Wilson, and illegally pawning the watch on May 26.

Mr. D. C. Wilson identified the watch as his, and said that it had been stolen together with his coat on May 25 while he was visiting friends at Aimal Villas.

Accused said that the watch was handed to him by a man whom he did not know.

It was stated that he ran an opium divan, and was in the habit of giving his customers credit for stolen goods.

Three months' imprisonment was imposed on the first charge, and a fine of \$250 or three months' jail on the second charge, the terms to run concurrently.

FUTURE OF OPERA.

TO BE SUBSIDISED BY THE
GOVERNMENT.

AGREEMENT WITH B.B.C.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Provisions for subsidising the Opera are contained in an agreement between the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Covent Garden Syndicates, the terms of which have now been completed. The Postmaster General stated in the House of Commons that the terms of the agreement would be laid before Parliament as soon as they were executed.—British Wireless Service.

DISTANCE RECORD.

ATTEMPT TO REACH
BUCHAREST IN A DAY.

BRITON'S SOLO FLIGHT.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Flying a Puss Moth machine Mr. Jackman left London at 3.30 a.m. in an attempt to reach Bucharest in one day. If successful the flight will establish a record distance for a light aeroplane in one day.—British Wireless Service.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Prime Minister announced to-day that the Dominions Secretary would make a statement tomorrow in the House of Commons concerning the forthcoming Imperial Economic Conference.—British Wireless Service.

AMUSEMENTS

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